

N THEME 9: ANIMALS AND WHERE THEY LIVE. (06th May to 31st May)

During our ninth topic of the year we explore the beautiful and interesting world of animals.

THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Work, barn, wool, eggs, milk, fruit, vegetables, grow, house, pet, care, owner, wild, animals, live, home, nest, burrow, tree, hive, cave, web, pond, baby, duckling, piglet, lamb, puppy, calf, chick, kitten, gosling, kid, foal, eat, drink, sleep, bugs, wings, legs, small, feelers.

Songs: 'The farmer in the dell,' 'Dance like an animal' and 'Spring is here.'

We start this theme off on the farm, learning what a working farm produces and understanding a little bit about where the food we eat actually comes from. They will read the book, 'On a farm,' learn a poem, 'Hello farm' and pretend to milk a cow too, such fun! The teacher will then move onto discussing the topic of pets. The classes will read the book, 'Just me and my puppy,' to learn what pets need and how fun they can be. The children will also have some time to tell the class about any pets they have at home. The children will then move onto learning about wild animals and where they live. Classes will read the sweet book titled, 'Welcome home, bear.' The children will also learn about baby animals and how the names of the parents and the babies are often different. They will read the book, 'Dora's Eggs' and play a matching puzzle game. Towards the end of the theme the teacher will explain and show the children how we know if something is an animal or not. They will learn a poem about how animals eat, sleep and drink. To end off the theme the children will take a look into the wonderful world of bugs, reading the book, 'It's a firefly night' and going on a fun bug scavenger hunt.

ART LESSONS (sample to the right may vary from actual art work)

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a woolly sheep. They will then celebrate Spring by making a group flower painting, dipping pom poms into paint and then throwing them onto a big piece of art paper. The splats made by the pom poms will be the Spring flowers. To end off their art for this theme the children will learn more about Dragon Boat Festival and make their very own fire breathing dragon.



MATH & READING LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: First, last, position, line, add, more, how many, count.

Songs: 'Pease porridge hot' and '5 little monkeys.'

After finishing off the last theme learning about ordering, classes will begin this theme by focusing on the positions, first and last. The teacher will use classroom toys and other items to demonstrate these concepts to the children. They will also read the book, 'Race,' all about a colourful car race. The funny book titled, 'Alphabet oops,' will also help them to learn about the positions, first and last. The children will have their own races, floating toys down the school canal, guessing which one will make it to the bottom first! The teacher will then introduce the concept of adding one more, laying down the foundation for addition and subtraction, which will only be covered later in Kindergarten. The teacher will use educational games to make learning fun, adding one more scoop of 'ice cream,' or one more glass of water to an almost overflowing tub of water. Classes will also make a life-size abacus to help illustrate this important concept. To end off they will read the sweet book titled, 'Just one more please,' about a little girl who always asks for just one more, of almost everything.

This theme children will learn about the letters, R and S in their reading line lessons. They will read the books, 'I read' and 'Sand.'