

K1 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:

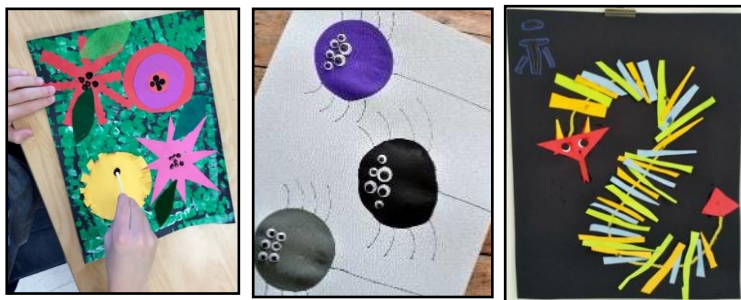
Keywords: Animal, identify, questions, features, group, pride, team, band, tower, crash, insect, body, fly, jump, out, fight, build, ride, same, different, home, live, burrow, cave, web, swamp, lodge, tunnel, den, hive, kit, cub, foal, cygnet, fawn, colt, joey.

Songs: 'The ants go marching,' 'Dance like an animal' and 'The animals two by two.'

With this theme focussing on animals, the K1 classes will start by learning some of the key features that identify different animals and how this allows us to classify them into groups. They will read the book, 'The great ball game,' play a fun game of animal 20 questions and learn a poem titled, 'I see animals.' The teacher will then introduce them to some of the collective nouns, for when we see the same animal in one group. They will read the fun book, 'A crash of rhinos,' revealing some interesting names for animal groups. Midway through the theme, the classes will enter into the large world of very tiny animals, insects. They will learn what the key features are that make an insect, an insect. The book, 'What do insects do,' will help with this. The teachers will then take the classes outside and the children will search for insects with their magnifying glasses. This theme teachers will also explore the different places all these animals live and what their homes are called. The book, 'Animal homes,' has beautiful images of some fun animal hide outs. Hmm, I wonder what it would be like for us to live in one of them? The last section of this animal theme, the children will learn more about baby animals and what they are called. They will read the cute book, 'Animal babies.'

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

In their art lessons the classes will have fun celebrating Spring by making a beautiful flower artwork. They will then continue with their insect theme by painting insects using water balloons! Lastly, they will learn more about Dragon Boat Festival by making a very intricate and beautiful dragon.



MATH & READING LESSONS

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

Keywords: Long, short, measure, compare, longer, shorter, tall, taller, heavy, light, heavier, lighter, length, height and weight.

Songs: 'Let's count to 20 for kids' and '10 green bottles.'

In their math lessons, the children will start learning about measurement. First, length, long vs short. The teacher will show them how to use simple tools to measure many different items in the classroom. e.g. this toy carrot is 5 cubes long. They will also read the fun book, 'Ants rule, the long and short of it.' Classes will then move onto measuring height, tall vs short. The teacher will help show the class how to measure their class friends' height with a ribbon and then plot it on a simple bar graph. They will also build really tall towers and measure these. Who can build the tallest one, without it falling over!?! Lastly, they will discuss and experiment with how to measure weight, heavy or light. They will have fun comparing heavy and light classroom items. Which ones are light enough for us to blow across the classroom floor? They will also experiment with a tipping scale, comparing two items to see which weighs more. The sweet book, 'Balancing act,' will help them to understand this concept too. Across all the measurement concepts the teachers will use worksheets and learning center time to practise the children's new skills and allow them to experiment further.

In their reading line lessons, the children will continue with the animal theme, reading the books, 'A world of animals' and 'In the woods.'