

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn"

We have talked about loving and caring for animals that we keep as pets. The next theme 'Creep, Crawl, Fly' will explore some animals in natural surroundings. These creatures live in and around our homes. They will learn about popular insects like butterflies and bees and the less popular ones like flies and mosquitoes. All these are part of a child's world and so in this theme we provide concrete hands-on experiences.

Using plastic models of these creatures, we will continue to count their legs and continue with the textures 'soft', 'smooth' and 'furry'.

Through this theme we will help to develop:

Socio-emotional development:

- ✦ Children will experience 'taking turns' and 'sharing' in Dramatic play.
- ✦ Children will learn to care for something.
- ✦ Follow safety rules when playing with others
- ✦ Function as a part of a large group
- ✦ Build respect for nature in them.

Fine Motor Skill Development:

- ✦ In keeping with our theme of many legs, we will make children do the toothpick activity to resemble the legs of a spider.
- ✦ Manipulating play dough
- ✦ Crayoning with up and down strokes
- ✦ Finger painting/ printing
- ✦ Learn to colour inside lines/boundaries.
- ✦ Construction Centre
- ✦ Pasting with glue stick

Gross Motor Skill Development:

- ✦ This theme focuses on exploring different ways in which children can move. We have created several chants and poems for this.
- ✦ Butterflies, ladybugs, flies and mosquitoes all fly - Children will mimic this by flapping their arms.
- ✦ Ants, caterpillars and spiders crawl - Children will mimic this by moving on their hands and knees.
- ✦ Cockroaches creep - Children will mimic this by creeping on their elbows, with their stomachs close to the floor.

Language Development:

- ✦ Syllables
- ✦ Marking themselves present in class
- ✦ Listening to stories being told
- ✦ Listening to stories being read aloud
- ✦ Following words of songs
- ✦ Theme related vocabulary
- ✦ Thematic poems
- ✦ Learning to express their choice

Mathematics and Numeracy Development:

- ✦ Numbers – 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
- ✦ Backward counting
- ✦ Pre writing skills
- ✦ Concept of comparison –fast and slow, soft and rough, up and down, high and low, in and out, up and down, happy and sad, sit and stand, under and over, right and left
- ✦ Concept of many
- ✦ The Circle, round, square, rectangle, triangle, heart

- ✦ Colours red, blue, yellow, green, brown, black, grey, white, pink, orange
- ✦ Matching and sorting
- ✦ Patterning
- ✦ Auditory discrimination

Know Your World:

- ✦ Insects are everywhere
- ✦ Some insects fly, some crawl and some creep
- ✦ Insect and birds come out of eggs
- ✦ Caterpillar changes into butterfly
- ✦ Different insects move differently
- ✦ Our houses should insect free
- ✦ Some insects are good for us
- ✦ Some insects can make us sick

Health and Safety:

- ✦ Our houses should be bugs free
- ✦ Some bugs can make us sick
- ✦ Protection from mosquitoes and flies
- ✦ Washing hands
- ✦ Keeping our pets clean

Material and Technology:

- ✦ PowerPoint Presentation: CREEP, CRAWL, FLY
- ✦ PowerPoint Presentation: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- ✦ PowerPoint Presentation: Bear and Bees
- ✦ Counting Flash Cards

Home Activity

- ✦ Point out the creatures that live around (birds/squirrel).
- ✦ Point out the creatures like- ants, flies, lizards etc.
- ✦ Discuss about some creepers and crawlers which they see around them.
- ✦ Take your child to the park and point out the birds there.
- ✦ Talk about the insects which are harmful for us.
- ✦ Show them how to save themselves from flies and mosquitoes using nets, mesh and sprays.
- ✦ Explain how they should take care not to have stagnant water or waste food lying around in their homes and they should also cover the dustbins in their homes.

Practice the below mentioned thematic poem with your child:

*Incy Wincy Spider
Incy, Wincy Spider
Climbed the water spout
Down came the rain and
Washed the Spider out
Up came the Sun and
Dried up all the rain
Incy, Wincy Spider
Climbed back again*