



Dear Parents,

Greetings from Maria Montessori School!

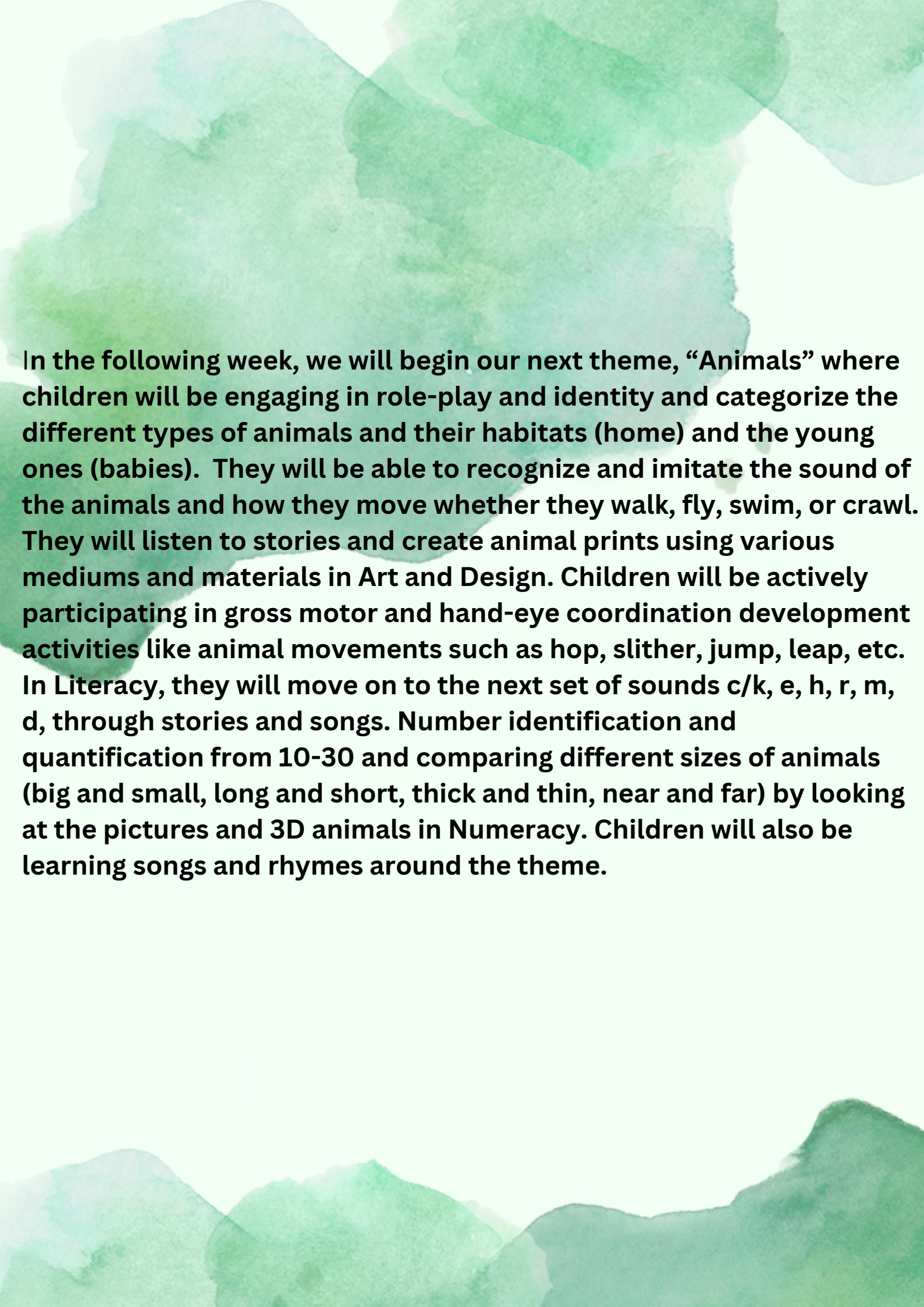
The new academic year at Group- I began with the first theme of the year “All About Me” where our children engaged in various activities.

In Literacy, the children were introduced to the first set of sounds (s, a,t, i,p,n) through music and games. They participated in matching capital and small letter games and tracing letters. Children engaged in sound hunt games and picture matching to the first sound.

In Numeracy, children worked on identifying the numbers 1-10 by using fingers and pictures. Quantify the number by using different body parts. Rote counting (ordering). Assembling the challenging body parts puzzles where exactly all our parts belong on our bodies

In Art and Design, children drew and painted their portraits and engaged in playdough face-making using different materials.

In STEAM, children learned about different body parts and named the body parts (head to toe) and senses. Children identified if they were boys or girls. They made their family tree and described their family members.



In the following week, we will begin our next theme, “Animals” where children will be engaging in role-play and identity and categorize the different types of animals and their habitats (home) and the young ones (babies). They will be able to recognize and imitate the sound of the animals and how they move whether they walk, fly, swim, or crawl. They will listen to stories and create animal prints using various mediums and materials in Art and Design. Children will be actively participating in gross motor and hand-eye coordination development activities like animal movements such as hop, slither, jump, leap, etc. In Literacy, they will move on to the next set of sounds c/k, e, h, r, m, d, through stories and songs. Number identification and quantification from 10-30 and comparing different sizes of animals (big and small, long and short, thick and thin, near and far) by looking at the pictures and 3D animals in Numeracy. Children will also be learning songs and rhymes around the theme.

Web links:

• If you are happy and you know it- super simple:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4WNrvVjiTw>

• Dave Mathew-Sesame Street: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po5lHYJJQfw>

• Healthy teeth, healthy me- Sesame Street:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxMrtK-kYnE&t=3s>

Activities that can be done at home:

1. Practise the sounds (s, a,t, i, p, n)- children can spot items beginning with the sounds in the environment and collect them in a basket followed by a craft activity such as making a sock puppet for 's' sound, playdough cake for 'p' puff out the candles, etc.

2. Self-care and hygiene: Show the child how to brush their teeth and wash hands properly.

3. PSED (Personal Social Emotional development): Emotions and feelings- Can ask your child, "How are you feeling today?" Create a photo gallery of their emotions.

4. Floating Feelings: Feeling faces drawn on ping pong balls with a Sharpie. Float in a bowl of water.

5. You could make play dough emotion faces with your child.

Warm Regards

Team Maria