

# Autumn in Year 2

Welcome to Year 2! This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Friendship and Responsibility' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision. We will hold a science week at the end of the half term, when we will be investigating health and hygiene. More details will be sent out later in the half term.

## Friendship

Children will learn that they can make friendships, it is an active process that requires thought and effort and they have the power to choose and build relationships that make them feel happy and safe. Children will learn how to make, maintain, repair and evaluate relationships. Children will be taught that they deserve to be treated with kindness and respect and that they too, have a responsibility to treat others with kindness and respect both in person and in the virtual world.

## Responsibility

Children will understand that the adults around them have responsibilities to make sure they are safe. They will begin to consider their own responsibilities to themselves and to others. We hope to empower children by teaching them that they are capable of taking responsibility for many aspects of their life and doing so will have a positive impact on their health, friendships, learning and wellbeing.

## English

Fables such as 'The boy who cried wolf' and 'The ant and the grasshopper' will be used to initiate discussions and ask questions about the themes of friendship and responsibility. Children will retell and write the simple narratives, focusing on using the correct punctuation. We will learn the terms 'noun' and 'adjective' and use descriptive vocabulary to make our retellings interesting to a reader.

In phonics we will revisit the sounds taught in Year 1 and consolidate learning by applying them to reading and writing. In handwriting we will learn the cursive letter shapes for each of the handwriting families.

## Maths

In Maths our focus will be on place value. We'll start by counting and representing numbers to 100 in different ways. After, we'll move on to partitioning numbers using place value charts and part-whole models. We'll order and compare numbers, count in twos, fives and tens and learn about odd and even numbers. In the latter part of the half term we will learn addition strategies for adding tens and multiples of ten.

## PSHE

We will focus on how to be a good friend and strategies for positive play. We will explore why arguments happen and how to resolve them and we will think about how to ask for help.

## Art

We will use line to create patterns, shapes and textures. Children will mix their own colours and add black and white to make tints and shades. Our focus artist will be Keith Haring, and we will make a friendship mural inspired by his work.

## Computing

We will learn to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private. Through the use of Purple Mash applications we will also learn to log on, save and retrieve work independently.

## RE

'Special Places' is our first RE topic. We'll consider places that are special to us before thinking about places where people with Christian and Jewish faiths worship.

## PE

The focus is multi-skills and gymnastics. PE days are  
**Chameleon:** Mondays and Fridays  
**Cat:** Tuesdays and Fridays  
**Yeti:** Tuesdays and Thursdays