

# Autumn in Year 1

Welcome to Year 1! This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Friendship and Responsibility' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision.

## 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

We'll start with an old favourite, "Dear Zoo", and encourage the children to use descriptive language within a familiar setting. Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences with finger spaces and full stops and will begin to learn to use adjectives to extend their writing. Handwriting will be taught to ensure that letter formation is correct and fluent.

In phonics we will revisit the sounds taught in the EYFS and consolidate learning by applying them to reading and writing. We follow the Little Wandle Scheme, with reading books linked to phonics taught as in EYFS.

## Maths

In Maths our focus will be on place value. We'll start by counting and representing numbers to 20 in different ways.

After, we'll move on to addition and subtraction with one digit numbers.

We'll order and compare numbers, count in twos, fives and tens and start to pay for our snack! And "buy time" to use the iPads and craft areas etc!

## PSHE

We will focus on "friendships" and what it means to be a friend. We will establish our class rules and talk about sharing and "turn taking", setting up friendship groups and introducing traditional playground games.

## Art

We will be focussing on portraits and mark making. Our focus artists will be Picasso, Kandinsky and Andy Warhol. We will compare and contrast their art work and imitate their styles in our own work.

## Computing

We will start by learning how to keep ourselves safe on the internet. We will practice logging on to the laptops and iPads, and then start to use different resources such as Purple Mash. We will learn how to access the camera to open a QR code, and will also learn about "consent" in it's simplest form by asking to take a photograph of a friend and understanding that it is ok to say no.

## RE

This term the children will be exploring the question "What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?", with a focus on Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

## PE

This half term we will focus on dance and gymnastics: PE days are Tuesday and Friday (**Elephant**), Monday/Tuesday and Friday (**Frog**) and Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday (**Bee**)

**Please remove earrings on these days and ensure PE kits are always in school.**