

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

RE

We will be thinking like theologians and exploring why light is important to the Christian, Jewish and Hindu faith.

PE

The focus is dance and gymnastics. PE days are
Chameleon: Thursday every week, Tuesdays and Fridays on alternate weeks
Cat: Mondays and Fridays
Yeti: Fridays every week, Mondays and Tuesdays on alternate weeks.
Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed.

Science

This half term we are studying animals including humans. We will learn about health and hygiene and conduct an investigation into the effects of exercise on our bodies.