

## PN THEME 1: FRIENDS AND SCHOOL (19<sup>th</sup> Aug. to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

Our first topic of the year focuses on learning more about friends and school.

### INTRODUCTION WEEKS

We use the first two weeks of school to gently ease the children into school life. The lessons therefore focus on making sure the children feel comfortable in their school environment. The children will spend time getting to know their friends, learning the daily routine and helping to decorate their new classroom.

### THEME LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Walk, drive, ride, teacher, nurse, bus driver, chair, table, toy, book, scissors, friend, name.

Songs: 'Here we go around the mulberry bush.'

The children will start by learning about the different ways we can get to school – walking, driving or riding. They will also be introduced to some of the people they will see at school daily, people that help make their school day fun! The children will learn about the different tools, items and toys they have in the classroom. The teacher will guide the children on what the items are used for and how to use them. The book, 'Clifford's Best Friend' and a fun circle game will aid in learning about friends and how to engage in group activities.

### ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the children will make a school bus, engage in a group art activity using water colours and have fun painting with marbles. They will also celebrate Autumn/Fall, by making a tree using their finger prints for the leaves.



### MATH AND READING LINE LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Circle, round, square, triangle, rocket.

Songs: 'Ring around the rosie' and 'The shapes song.'

In their math lessons the children will start learning about shapes: circles, squares and triangles. They will read a fun book called, 'Circle in the sky.'

During their reading lessons they will read a book, 'My very first book of shapes,' and learn how to make simple shapes using their bodies. Eg. Raise your arms above your head and touch your fingers to make a circle. The teacher will point out different shapes in the classroom, teaching the children that shapes can be found all around us.