

## K2 THEME 1: FRIENDS AND SCHOOL (19<sup>th</sup> Aug. to 28<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. The children will also do a few review lessons of what they learnt in K1.

### THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: Help, learn, friend, gift, kind, share, culture, country, language, staff, job, polite, important.

Songs: 'The more we get together,' 'Love my school' and 'Best friends.'

We will start off the year by reading a book called, 'My teacher, my friend,' reassuring the children that their teachers are there to help, support and guide them at school. The book, 'Hello,' will introduce the children to people from different places and cultures around the world. The children will practice saying hello in many different languages. This lesson will allow the children to explore and learn about our differences and our similarities. The children will find their home country on a world map and stick their name on it. They will also play a fun ball game where they need to say their name and what country they are from, encouraging the use of full sentences. The children will learn more about some of their other friends at Newton, the Newton staff. They will make a big poster for the classroom, showing pictures of all their friends. The book, 'Up the creek,' will highlight the importance of team work, as a group of animal friends work together to paddle a canoe up a river. We will play a team game with cups and water. The children stand in a circle and pass a set of cups, full of water, around the group. The first team to get through all the cups of water, wins. We will make two gifts for our friends, a drawing pad and a bracelet.

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

In their art lessons the children will work as a team, making a collage artwork using patterns. They will also have fun creating a beautiful Autumn / Fall artwork of a leaf falling in the swirling wind.



### MATH AND READING LINE LESSONS

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

Keywords: Numbers, count, how many, oval, crescent, semi-circle, angle, straight, corners, cone, sphere and cube.

Songs: 'Let's count to 20,' 'The rectangle song' and 'The circle song.'

In their math lessons the children will start off by focusing on number value and recognition, ensuring these key concepts are in place as a solid foundation. We will also link sound to math in a fun lesson where the children will count different sounds they hear and repeat them. The teacher will review all shapes with the children and ensure shapes like crescent, oval and semi-circle can be identified and drawn. They will also work on starting to recognize the written names of the shapes. The book, 'The perfect square,' will help the children understand how shapes can be molded and changed, to create new and creative things. The children will learn how to describe shapes and about 3D shapes.

During reading line lessons, the children will read the books, 'A hat' and 'Dan ran,' teaching the phonograms -at and -an. They will also complete the respective pages in their workbooks to cement the concept and ensure understanding.