

## K1 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. The teacher will also explain the class captain concept to the children. Each day one child is the class captain and they have different responsibilities, helping the teacher. The children get very excited about this and love the added responsibility.

### THEME LESSONS

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

Keywords: School, friends, games, learn, explore, rules, safety, culture, world, different, teamwork, help, share, tools, community.

Songs: 'The more we get together,' 'Love my school,' 'It's a small world' and 'Best friends.'

We will start off the year by reading a book called, 'Kindergarten Rocks,' sharing feelings on what we love about school. The teacher will also remind the children about all the different people that work at Newton as well how to have fun and stay safe in all the different activity areas of the school. The children will learn some of the rules of the classroom, to make sure everyone has fun and stays safe. They will read the book, 'David goes to school,' about a little boy who never likes to follow the rules. Pippa the Puma will teach the children about helping friends and how to play nicely. 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.

### 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 trying to draw each other's portraits and then celebrate Autumn/Fall, by making a hedgehog from the fallen leaves.



### MATH AND READING LINE LESSONS

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

Keywords: Primary, secondary, mix, counting, numbers.

Songs: 'I can sing a rainbow,' 'Let's count to 20' and 'The number dance.'

In their math lessons the children will start off by experimenting with colours and ice, learning about primary and secondary colours. The children will work on counting from 1 – 20 and being able to recognize and name these numbers when they see them written down. The teacher will play fun games, such as, 'who can find it first' and 'number toss.' The teacher will use simple rhymes to help teach the children how to write numbers 1 – 10.

During reading line lessons the children will start to recognize simple words, whilst reading the books, 'Ready for school' and 'School day.'