



# Autumn 1



## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'You've got a friend in me.' We will be designing and making our own friendship crests and creating a time capsule with items that remind us of our friends. In Art, we will be using different styles and media to create self-portraits of our friends in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. As Historians, we will look at our own life history thinking about significant changes such as transport, careers, toys and clothing. As Geographers, we will compare different toys from around the world. We will also be locating England on a World map and identifying places such as: Castleford; Wakefield; Leeds and London. Which will lead on to us exploring our local area in more detail. In DT, we will design, make and evaluate our own rockets. As writers, we are going to write using a range of different genre, such as: a letter, instructions, a character description and reports. In our Social Skills lessons we will be focussing on the themes of Respect, Rules and understanding the importance of Online Safety.



### English

In English, the children will be exploring and writing in a range of genres. To inspire their writing we will watch clips from Toy Story to provide a digital stimulus. We will develop their speaking and listening skills by discussing key characters and use this to aid their writing. For example, writing instructions to help Buzz cross the road. Also, we will be writing about our friends in the form of friendship poems. We will be focusing on using and applying a range of skills including:

- Adding suffixes onto the end of words
- Describing using expanded noun phrases
- Using conjunctions in our stories
- Practising our perfect punctuation.



### Mathematics

In Maths, the focus will be on the four main operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will involve solving problems including addition and subtraction using real life objects and pictorial representations. We will practise counting in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in 10s from any number, forward and backward. Also, we will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (10s, 1s). We will be investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and looking for lines of symmetry in shapes.



### Science

In Science this half term, we are learning about 'Animals Including Humans'. Through this unit, children will consider the basic needs of animals for survival. They will consider the importance of exercise and nutrition in more depth, including doing surveys of both the food they eat, and the favourite foods of their classmates. They will move on to think about how animals grow up from babies into adults and consider how their needs change. Discovering that animals have offspring, which grow into adults.

### Enrichment

Various activities are planned for Forest school.

### Important Dates & Information

PE kits are to be brought in on a Monday to use throughout the week.  
Please can you ensure your child's reading book file is in school every day.  
Please encourage your child to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Mrs Reynolds, Miss Craven, Mrs Keighley & Mrs Breslin

