

Our Value in October is **FRIENDSHIP**



- A mutually supportive relationship with another person
- A bond of mutual affection

At school we will be thinking about the real meaning of friendship, why friends are so important to us and what qualities we look for in a true friend. We will emphasize the importance of loyalty, care, trust and support as the framework of friendship. We will be using storybooks with friendship as a theme in order to promote discussion about making and keeping friends and how we should treat our friends. It is the beginning of the school year so children will be encouraged to make new friends, especially with our new pupils, as well as remaining loyal to their old ones.

Thought for the month: 'When one will not quarrel, two cannot.'



At home you might like to focus on bedtime stories in which 'Friendship' is the theme. Some good examples include *'The Snail and the Whale'* by Julia Donaldson, *'The Way Back Home'* by Oliver Jeffers, *'Dogger'* by Shirley Hughes, *'Frog and Toad are Friends'* by Arnold Lobel.

As a family you could write your 'Ten top tips' for being a good friend and then everyone uses this as a check list and tries their best to live up to what you have agreed.

