

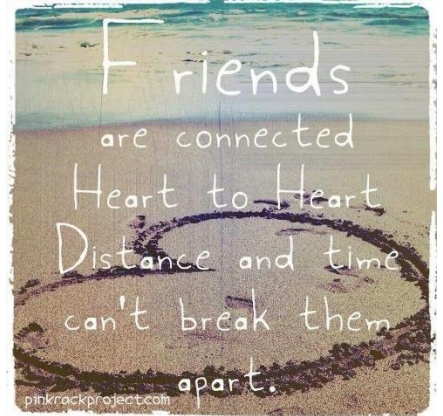
Our Christian Value is Friendship



Dear Parents/ Guardian,

Please find attached the homework for this term's value. As we enter another half term of home learning, I want children to think about the positive relationships and friendships they have in their lives. We encourage all pupils to communicate with their peers via Class Dojo or simply staying connected over the phone. Friendship during this time is more important than ever before.

Friendship is an undisputed value in our society, with children (in normal times) often spending more time with their friends than with family. It is a key concept in the Christian framework, with Jesus being criticised for being 'the friend of sinners' and eating with those whom society rejected. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised. All this echoes the value placed by God on the preciousness of each person.



Bible Stories to Explore:

Jesus Heals the Paralysed Man

Ruth Finds a New Home

The Parable of the Sower and the Mustard Seed

Prayer Space Activity- Friendship Flower attached

Hymns and Songs

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7a7LdgRh-k> When I Needed a Neighbour

* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIYOJ_hSs0σ You've Got a Friend in Me

I hope these resources help you explore and learn about our value of 'Friendship.' Don't forget to send on any Values Homework or photographs of prayer spaces to me on shoustead@calthwaite.cumbria.sch.uk We really do love seeing this!

Keep in touch with us and with each other,

Miss Boustead (RE Leader)

Friendship Flower

This prayer activity is about friendship and gratitude.

Equipment needed:

A large board or wall space
Brightly coloured card
blu-tack or a stapler
Pens
Friendship quotes

Muhammed Ali, the boxer, said; *"Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."*

Instructions:

This activity encourages pupils to think about the friendships and the family that they are grateful for.

Place a small heart-shape on the wall space or on a large table where the flower can take shape. This will be the centre, so make sure there is plenty of space around it, and that pupils will be able to reach it.

Cut up the coloured card into petal shapes, big enough for pupils to write or draw their prayer, and put with some pens and pins/staplers/blu-tack. Put a few quotes about friendship nearby to give pupils some inspiration as they think about those people for whom they wish to give thanks.

Encourage the pupils to think about their friends and family, those who share their joy and happiness but also their difficulties. If they want to, they can write a first-name onto the petal-shape, and a short thank you prayer for that person, and then attach it to the flower.



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