MENDING A FRIENDSHIP

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
To be able to think about why friendships break and how they can be mended with forgiveness.

Script:
“It is not unusual to fall out with our friends occasionally; we cannot always agree even though it is important to try and get along. In today’s lesson, we will be thinking about some of the reasons that friends fall out. More importantly though, we will try to think of the ways that we can resolve our differences with our friends and repair/mend our friendships.

Suggested Resources:
Blank pieces of card to record scenarios on (one for each group). Repairing Friendships worksheets - Forgiveness Year 2.

Suggested Activities:
Ask the children to think about the reasons why friends sometimes fall out. Record an idea for each group onto a piece of card – this will be their scenario for their role play. Split the children into small groups and hand out the scenario cards. Ask the children to work in their groups to come up with a short role play/drama performance that shows how the children fall out and then how the friends manage to resolve the problem and become friends again.

Once the children are ready, ask each group in turn to perform the role play in front of the rest of the class. Ask the children to listen carefully to each performance and identify what was done to mend the friendships in each scenario.

Plenary:
Hand out the ‘repairing friendships’ worksheets. Explain to the children that the car in the picture represents a broken friendship. The children should record on the car some of the reasons why a friendship breaks down. They should then review the scenarios that they have seen in the lesson and think about what helped to mend the friendships. They should then record these ideas on the tools around the edge to help to mend the friendship/car.

Character Coaching

Guidance:
We can learn a lot from other people and today we are learning from our peers. It is important to learn from the example of others.

Meaningful Praise:
It has been so pleasing to see the way that you have not only sought the forgiveness of the people around you but you have shown that you are able to show forgiveness to others.

Correction:
I see you are having a difficult time with X, and you are upset. How might forgiveness change things?