**LEARNING INTENTION:** Building bridges of friendship.

**CONTENT**

Look at the images of the suspension bridges. Talk about what they do and why we need them. Think about how they are constructed. A bridge needs to be built from both sides. A bridge must be strong enough for people to walk on. Bridges span or stretch across things.

A bridge needs to be cared for and looked after otherwise it will just fall down.

Read the following story:

**A bridge of friendship**

When I started school, I met Charlotte. She was standing by a table looking shy. I said, “Hello I’m Poppy!” and she said, “Hello!”. We were friends from then on. We sat at the same table to do our work. We both liked ICT best in school and we worked on it together. Charlotte is good at art so she helped me, I’m good at science so I helped her. We shared jokes and laughed together. We were also friends with Lucy and Will. I liked Charlotte, but then things changed. Charlotte went and sat by Emily one day to share her new book. I thought she would come back and sit by me, but she didn’t. At playtime, she stayed with Emily and I played with Lucy and Will. I wondered how I could build a bridge of friendship to Charlotte.

A friendship is like a bridge between people - it needs to be strengthened, maintained or repaired.

**SOME KEY QUESTIONS**

* What brought Charlotte and Poppy together as friends?
* Why do you think the friendship faded?
* What do you think about Poppy?
* What do you think Charlotte might do?
* Has anything like this ever happened to you?
* How did you feel?
* What did you do to mend the friendship?

**SOME SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

* Make a list of friends you have had for a long time. For each friend, record:
	+ - How did you meet your friend?
		- What made you become friends?
		- What do you do together?
		- What do you like about your friend?
		- Build a bridge of words or pictures about what makes friendship strong. Start at opposite sides and meet in the middle.

**REFLECTION ON SIGNIFICANCE**

Have a quiet moment to reflect on and appreciate building bridges of friendship.

*What surprised you? What keeps friendships strong? How do you repair friendships?*