



Values @ home

Happy New Year! We start January by thinking about a value that all the children can discuss and understand - **honesty**. In school we will be talking about why telling the truth is important and how it links to lots of our other values such as respect and friendship. The older children will also be looking at some more complex moral issues and discussing whether there are ever times when we it is better not to be honest.

Why tell the truth?

When talking to young children, if you ask them why it is important to tell the truth they will often tell you 'so you don't get told off'. Part of learning about values is to know how different behaviours affect yourself and others. It is good to praise and thank children when they are honest; it doesn't mean you are condoning poor behaviour but it is a chance to draw attention to how their decision might affect others and how they themselves are perceived. We want children to be honest because they are taking responsibility for themselves and being fair to others and not in case they get caught!

What would you do?

This month there is an Honesty Quiz for you to do with your child. There are some questions for you to read together and then discuss answers.

Do you and your child agree on what would be the honest thing to do?

Honesty Books

There are lots of stories which are great starting points for discussions about honesty. You might find some in the library...

Whoops But It Wasn't Me by Lauren Child

Really Really by Kes Gray

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

David Gets into Trouble by David Shannon

Tiddler by Julia Donaldson

Can you find any more?



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Honesty Quiz.



What would you do?

Here is a bedtime quiz to do with your child. A great way to have a chat about honesty. Do you both have the same answers?

1. You accidentally step on a toy in the classroom and it breaks. Do you...
 - a) leave it and hope no-one noticed.
 - b) tell the teacher what happened.
 - c) put it in the bin and carry on playing.
2. You buy some sweets and the shopkeeper gives you too much change by mistake. Do you...
 - a) tell them and give them back the money.
 - b) think how lucky you are and keep the money.
 - c) use the money to buy some sweets for your friend.
3. You are playing with your friend, you get cross and call them a horrible name. They start to cry and tell the teacher. Do you...
 - a) tell the teacher you are sorry that you got cross and you shouldn't have done it.
 - b) tell the teacher that you didn't say anything - after all no-one heard you.
 - c) tell the teacher that your friend called you a name first.
4. You find some football cards/toys in the playground but you don't know who they belong to. Do you...
 - a) keep them as they haven't got a name on.
 - b) give them to your teacher and explain where you found them.
 - c) share them with your friends.
5. You are having a birthday party and you have lots of friends come round. One of your friends asks you if you like their party clothes. You don't like them at all - what do you say?
 - a) no - I think its horrible.
 - b) yes - you look amazing.
 - c) something else....