

# SMSC Values – Value of the Month

## Monthly Values

In September, we as a school introduced 'Value of the month' so far we have looked at peace in September, forgiveness in October and kindness in November. Our value for December is 'Honesty' We reflect on each value in assemblies and in individual class time.

### At Home

We would really like these values to become central to everything that the children do and that's where you come in. We would like you to reinforce the value of the month at home. Each month, a selection of ideas will be put on our website so you can encourage and support these values at home

### Thank you

We would really appreciate your support in this together as we continue to develop well-rounded young people with a set of core values which positively influence their daily live



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# Value of the Month – 'Honesty'



## Honesty.

During the month of December, we will be looking at the value of honesty. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what it means to be honest. As with other values we want them to think about the choices they make; when do we find it difficult to be honest and tell the truth? How do they feel when someone lies to them? What stories do they choose to tell to others? How can actions as well as words be honest or dishonest?

**At home,** we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts. For example, you may talk about what it means to be honest, or talk about what can happen if the truth is covered up. How do we feel when others cheat when playing a game? Perhaps play a board game; but everyone has to play by the rules. How do we make the right choice and act truthfully at all times? Read the story of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'. . Honesty should be acknowledged in a positive way even though there may be a sanction involved for wrongdoing.

- **Telling the truth.**
- **Accepting your mistakes and learning lessons for the future. Saying sorry.**
- **Taking responsibility for your good/ wrong actions.**

## December



# Value of the Month – 'Friendship'

January



## Friendship.

During the month of January, we will be looking at the value of friendship. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what it means to be a good friend.

Learning to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime. Talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally. How do we choose our friends? What makes a good friend? Are we a good friend to others?

**At home**, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

Who are your friends? How do you know this? What does it mean to be a **good** friend?

Is it possible to have a **bad** friend? Have you ever upset a friend? Why?

Has a friend ever upset you? Why did they upset you? Why do you think friends are important? Would you rather have 100 okay friends, or 5 really good friends?

### Activity Ideas:

- Make a recipe for friendship
- Make friendship bracelets
- Read stories about friendship eg The Rainbow Fish, The Snail and the Whale, Sharing a shell,
- **Caring for each other**
- **Sharing ideas**
- **Respecting each other**
- **Having fun**

