



Values @ home

In April we are thinking about the value of **care**; caring for ourselves, caring for others and caring for the world around us. It is important that all children learn to care for simple things like their toys and clothes as this will form the foundation for caring for others as they get older. In school, we will be learning about people who are well known for showing care towards others, as well as encouraging children to think about the people who care for them.

Caring for a Sunflower

Now is a great time of year to plant a sunflower. This is an easy way of teaching your child the importance of caring and looking after something.

There are lots of different varieties so read the instructions on the packet to make sure your plant has the best chance of growing. You could also keep a smaller variety in a pot indoors if you don't have any outdoor space.

When you start, work with your child to make a list of what you have to do to care for your flower if it is going to grow. Talk about what will happen if you don't care for it!



Care for Property

At school, we spend a lot of time teaching children the importance of caring for their things and school property.

Children need to understand why it is important that they look after equipment and learn to treat it with respect.

A tidy environment encourages children to look after property as they learn that everything has its place and to put it away after being used. This is just as important at home as well, from reminding your child to put lids on felt tip pens, to making sure uniform is named so if they take their jumper off they are able to collect it again. Simple routines can help children to be better at caring for their surroundings.



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