



Values @ Home

Our value for May is quality. The children will be learning about why it is important to do our best, both in work and play. It is so important that we learn to take pride in all we do. Taking time to produce quality indicates to others what sort of person we are. If we take our time and do our best, others will know that we care and value hard work. Our values for learning help us to do this. Discussing how to be a 'go for it' gorilla or a 'persevering' parrot will help your child to value effort and help them to become a good learner.

The children will also be thinking about how quality links to 'qualities'. We will be looking at which qualities we would like to have, and how working hard can help us to achieve these.

Effort vs Outcome

Encourage your child to discuss whether they think they have tried their best when you do learning activities together. This is a hard skill for young children to develop and often it isn't until age 6-7 that children begin to be able to think about their own learning in this way.

However, regularly discussing 'effort' as part of your conversations about work and play will help children in understanding the value of **quality** and is one of the foundations of being a successful and reflective learner.

10,000 hours

The journalist Matthew Syed has written about the many factors which contribute to someone achieving **quality** in a particular field.

In his book Bounce, he describes the '10,000 hours rule' which claims that the key to becoming an expert in a task is practising it for 10,000 hours. Based on research in Malcolm Gladwell's book 'Outliers', his argument is that effort and practice is far more important than innate ability in becoming successful at a task; an important message for us all to remember...

Growth Mindset

In class we regularly discuss having a Growth Mindset towards our learning. This is the idea that attainment and intelligence isn't fixed and that through effort and perseverance we can all be successful and produce **quality** learning. We remember the Power of Yet, the idea that if we can't do something, it doesn't mean we won't ever be able to do it - we just can't do it YET!

We also talk about how mistakes make us better learners and that it is ok to be wrong. That means that we can learn from our mistake for next time. If we always get everything right and not challenging ourselves we aren't being the best learner we can be!



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