

REACH FOR THE STARS



LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

To be able to understand that goals can be achieved if we are determined in our hearts and minds.

Script:

“We all have dreams. Put your hand up if you have a dream, something that you really want to do or someone you really want to be. Every successful person out there once dreamed of being able to be the best they could be and because they believed in themselves, they were able to succeed. Today we will be exploring this idea further and learning from the example shown in a story.”

Suggested Resources:

Marty and Mars <http://www.familyfunshop.com/shortmoralstoriesdetermination.htm> [available 03/15].

Suggested Activities:

Share the story of *Marty and Mars* with the children. Discuss the main parts using the following questions:

1. What was Marty’s dream?
2. What happened when he told his friends about the dream?
3. Did he give up because his friends did not believe in him?
4. Who did Marty turn to for support?
5. What did his father say to him?
6. How did this help Marty?

As a class, write your own story to show determination. Use the story of *Marty and Mars* as a model. Think about rhyme.

Plenary:

Read the story back to the children. Ask the children to act as illustrators to draw images to go with the story. The pictures and story could then be uploaded to the school website.

Character Coaching

Guidance:

How can the stories we have read and written today help us in our own lives?

Meaningful Praise:

You have shown your understanding of the need to be determined to succeed today. Well done.

Correction:

I’ve noticed that sometimes you give up when you get stuck. How can the story about Marty help you to keep going when you are doing difficult things?

