NOT STEALING



Honesty is:

- * Speaking the truth.
- * Refusing to cheat or take something that does not belong to you.
- * Admitting your mistakes.
- * Being true to yourself.

Important Phrase:

* Honesty is the best policy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Children know that taking something that does not belong to them is wrong; they know that, if they want to use something that is not theirs they should ask to borrow it. They recognise that stealing causes distress to other people. Children recognise honesty in a range of situations.

Suggested Resources:

A selection of toys.

Script:

Set out the following scenario to the class: "You really want to play with a friend's toy at your house, so you put the toy in your rucksack and decide that you will give it back the next morning". Ask children to discuss the following questions in pairs. Is this the right thing to do? What should you do? Why is that a better thing to do? Feed back answers to the whole class.

Suggested Activities:

In pairs, children role play 'borrowing' various items. They need to practise asking nicely. Why do they want to borrow the toy? How will they look after the toy? When will they return it? Either display photos of toys or put a selection on a table for all to see.

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

Thank you for being honest.

Thank you for admitting what you did, I appreciate your honesty.

Guidance:

Remember that being honest is very important because it helps people to know that you can be trusted.

Correction:

How could you use honesty next time this happens?

I need someone to practise honesty so that I know what really happened.

I was saddened that you did not practise honesty today. What will you do differently next time?

Please practise honesty.

