

CIRCLE TIME: YEAR: FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 1 (Autumn 1): Love of Learning:

I am a lifelong learner

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

PSHCE:

Play an active role as a member of society.

Knowledge:

To know that my school is place of learning and that my teachers want me to enjoy what I learn.

Skills:

Learning requires a range of skills and I can learn through playing, exploring, reading and thinking.

Attitudes:

I can learn in a way that inspires and excites me, and others around me.

Circle Time Rules:

We listen to each other.

We do not say or do anything that would hurt another person.

We signal when we want to say something.

We may say pass.

If a game involves touch we may sit and watch before making a decision to join in.

Skills - Thinking, Looking, Listening, Speaking, Concentrating

Throughout Circle Time it is vital that teachers praise children for using the above skills.

Step 1. Game

Learn something new – In pairs, ask a friend to tell you something about themselves or something they have learned recently. Try to make it something new that you don't already know. Share your new knowledge.

Step 2. Round

Puppet demonstrates attending their first day at school, puppet appears shy and confused to start with but learns new facts and becomes excited, happy and engaged. How are we like this puppet 'friend' when we are at school?

Trigger statement:

I am learning new things every single day.

Step 3. Open Forum

Two puppets, one covers its face – looking sad. “I find learning hard.” Second puppet joins the interaction, “I sometimes do but I find it fun too and it’s good to be challenged.” “You can ask your teachers to help too.”

Step 4. Celebration

The teacher asks if anybody has noticed any of the children being a good learner and why. Give out certificates for children who have been actively learning.

Step 5. Ending Ritual

We love learning song (to the tune of Frere Jacques)

We love learning,
We love learning,
This is why,
This is why,
It shows us lots of new things
it shows us lots of new things
Every day
Every day

Resources:

Speaking puppet

2 Open forum speaking puppets.