



## Our Value for April is **HONESTY**

- Telling the truth
- Being true to oneself and others
- Having integrity and using it in everyday life

In school we will be encouraging children to tell the truth even when they have done something wrong and could be in trouble. Our response to children who are honest will demonstrate that they needn't be afraid of owning up to wrongdoing and that we always respect honesty and thank people for being honest. We will use the story of Pinocchio and Jiminy Cricket to show how important our consciences are. We will discuss the phrase 'living a lie' and explore the effect a 'tissue of lies' can have leading to greater and greater complications and situations which can be very difficult to sort out. Emphasis will also be placed upon the importance of saying 'sorry' and meaning it when in the wrong, which of course follows on from our March value of Care and Consideration.

**Thought for the month:** 'If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.'

Mark Twain

At home you may like to examine the above 'thought for the month' and discuss its meaning. Everyone in the family should make a special effort to be honest with each other this month and in the future. Honesty should be acknowledged in a positive way even though there may be a sanction involved for wrongdoing.



Help your child to find out why this plant is called honesty. Print a picture of it with your answer and show it to the class teacher.

