

# Imitation



## When you use this learning muscle you....

- Are ready to learn from others
- Notice the approach and the detail of how others do things
- Compare skills and absorb ideas by observing other people



## Our aim is to assure the children that there is much to be gained from looking at how other people do things and imitate their good habits.

By being around other people we consciously and unconsciously pick up their ways of thinking, learning, working, seeing the world. People who are important to us or whom we admire play an important role in how our attitudes, values, habits and skills are developed.

**Imitating is about mirroring how others do things rather than what they do.** Imitating is what we encourage our children to do when we talk about 'role models' and, as teachers, we look for good role models we can find closer to us, within our own classrooms, homes and communities.

- Awareness of others being positively reinforced / lots of praise
- Copying good learning/ listening
- Modelling:
  - Saying please / thank you
  - Smiling often
  - Taking time to stop and admire beauty around us
  - Pausing to be grateful
  - Carefully putting an item away
  - Looking after a friend
  - Challenging myself
- Making links to previous experiences
- Realising other people have a view/ opinion
- Encouraging children to listen
- Respecting others
- Mirror movements in PE / drama
- Supporting children to make the right choice –
  - Look and watch
  - Take a step back
  - Think before you act
  - Show effect of making the wrong choice - reflecting
  - Putting themselves into someone else's shoes

***Make the right choices***

***Magpie ideas for the future***

***Mirror others actions***