



Our Value for December is **Humility**

- to have a humble attitude
- to avoid 'showing off' and boastful behaviour

In school we will remember how Jesus showed humility when he washed the feet of his disciples. We will emphasise the close link between the values of humility and friendship by pointing out that self-importance and boastful behaviour will not attract friends. People like Jessica Ennis and Mo Farah will be held up as examples as they did not respond to their victories by boasting that they were the best. We will use the story of 'The Tortoise and Hare' reflecting on the fact that the boastful actions of the hare didn't help him to win the race. We want our pupils to have high self-esteem so we will emphasise how they can be proud of themselves and their achievements without boasting or undermining others.

Thought for the month: 'It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.'

At home you may like to look at the story of 'The Tortoise and the Hare' together as a family and talk about the moral behind the story. You could encourage your children to acknowledge the things they are good at, be proud of these things and think how they can use their strengths to help other people. Look out for times when children are helpful around the house without being told or expecting a reward and respond with loads of praise.

