

Animal Magic

Lesson overview

Invite the children to create their own reward chart. Discuss with the children or use your observations to determine what their interests are and use these for the reward chart. For example, the children may decide they would like an animal reward chart.

Resources

- Thick paper
- Craft materials such as tissue paper, feathers, colouring pens, pieces of material and/or paint
- Camera
- Blu-Tack
- Safety scissors

Instructions

1. Get the children to create five large animals or other objects that interest them, using card and decorate with craft materials.
2. Use a permanent marker to add the numbers one to five on the animals.
3. Add Blu-Tack to the back.
4. Fix them to a window or display area in a vertical line with number one at the bottom and number five at the top.
5. Take a picture of each child, or an image with each child's name on it.
6. Place each child's picture underneath the first animal using Blue-Tack.
7. Children are then able to move up and down the animal chart depending on their behaviour.
8. When they reach number five they receive a treat of your choice, then begin climbing again.



Adapting for age

Babies – Babies behaviour and self-confidence is influenced by the behaviour and expressions of the adult. Give babies lots of smiles, claps and encouragement during daily activities.

Toddlers – Even fairly young children can respond to this type of reward chart once it is in use and they begin to understand in a practical sense how it works. Potty training is one of the many uses you could consider.

Young Children – This type of reward chart is flexible to allow it to be used for any reason you wish. You may like it to be used to praise them at the end of the day or on a more regular basis for specific behaviour such as sharing, table manners, completing a task and so on.

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