**Dossie and Kwame**

Dossie and Kwame is a focused tool used throughout the year to develop children’s **personal social and emotional development**. They are used to help us teach children about rules, boundaries and routines.

By using Dossie and Kwame we are able to take the focus off the children allowing adults to address issues and label actions and words without labelling the child and therefore maintain self-esteem.

Kwame is utilised as the focus when he sometimes does the wrong thing, the children are then encouraged and supported to help Dossie in in teaching Kwame and modelling through their own behaviour what the right thing to do is.

**Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness**

* Separates from main carer with support and encouragement from a familiar adult
* Enjoys responsibility of carrying out small tasks

**Dossie and Kwame**

What it covers;-

* Separating from carers
* Safety surrounding doors and where we can play
* How each area of the nursery can be used
* Sharing
* Friendships
* Kind hands and kind words

This is not a complete list, Dossie and Kwame are used throughout the year supporting with specific issues and sometimes as just a reminder of what we already know.

**Making Relationships**

* Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversation and forming good relationships with peers and adults
* Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children

**Manages Feelings and Behaviour**

* Responds to a few appropriate boundaries with encouragement and support
* Begins to learn that some things are theirs, some things are shared and somethings belong to other people
* Aware that some actions can hurt or harm others
* Can inhibit own actions/behaviours
* Aware of own feelings, and knows that some actions and words can hurt others feelings
* Beginning to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression
* Understands that own actions affect other people
* Aware of the boundaries set and of behavioural expectations

**Links to the curriculum**