

## THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE:

Aesop

There was once a hare who loved to talk about how fast he could run. He was always mocking the other creatures who were slower than him.

Eventually a tortoise got so tired of the hare's boasts that he challenged him to a race. The first one to reach a distant tree would be the winner. The hare laughed at the challenge, but agreed to race the tortoise the next day.

When the race started the hare ran off like the wind, quickly leaving the slow, plodding tortoise far behind.

When he reached the half-way mark, the hare stopped to nibble on some tasty grass. He looked back and the tortoise was nowhere to be seen.

As it was a lovely sunny day, the hare decided to enjoy a short snooze before finishing the race. So he settled down in a comfy spot and went to sleep.

Meanwhile the tortoise continued plodding along at a steady pace and passed the hare as he slept.

When the hare awoke it was nearly evening. He rushed on to the finishing post, still confident that he would get there first.

When he reached the tree, he was astonished to see the tortoise waiting there for him. The tortoise had walked slowly, steadily and purposefully all day and had won the race.