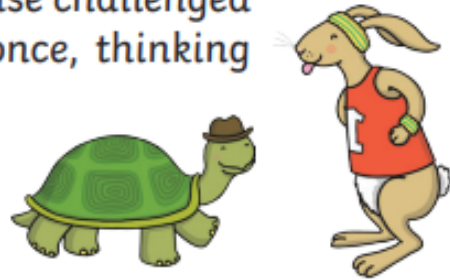# The Tortoise and the Hare

Once, there was a strong, young hare who bragged about how fast he could run.

Tired of hearing him boast, the wise tortoise challenged the hare to a race. The hare agreed at once, thinking that he would beat the tortoise easily.

All of the animals gathered at the finish line to watch the race.

As soon as the race started, the hare dashed ahead. He ran down the road but within minutes, decided to pause for a rest.

"How do you expect to win this race when you are walking along at such a slow pace?" he said smugly to the tortoise.

The hare stretched himself out next to a tree and fell asleep thinking, "There is plenty of time to relax. That tortoise will never beat me!"

The tortoise walked slowly past the hare. He walked and walked. He persevered until he got to the end of the race.

The animals cheered as they saw the tortoise reach the finish line. "Tortoise, you are the winner!" they shouted. The hare heard the cheering and woke with a start.

He zoomed as fast as a rocket towards the finishing line, but it was far too late. The tortoise had already crossed the line.

"It's not fair!" complained the hare. "I was asleep, we have to do the race again!"

But this time no-one listened to the hare. After that, the hare always reminded himself, "Don't show-off about your speedy pace. Slow and steady won the race!"