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PRE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT
WATCHING CARTOONS

"Parenting is not giving your child everything they want. Parenting is not being your child's friend. Parenting is about preparing your child to be a useful and respectful person in the society."

Dear Parents,

The school firmly believes in the motto 'Catch them Young', and therefore we provide the right education from the grass root level itself. Young children mostly learn by emulating and imitating their adults and environment. Therefore, it becomes imperative on our part to spend quality time with our children, keeping a close check on their behaviour patterns and activities.
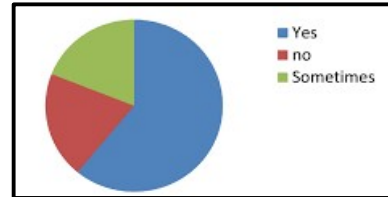
Cartoons are an integral part of childhood. We have all grown up watching cartoon shows and animated films. Cartoon shows and animated films offer a unique platform to impart cultural, historical, and moral lessons. For instance, animated renditions of the Ramayana or Mahabharata contribute to a better understanding of Indian mythology and have shaped the upbringing of several generations. Similarly, adaptations of Aesop's Fables or Panchatantra stories instill values like kindness and empathy among children.

Do Cartoons affect children's behaviour?

Research indicates that cartoons wield a profound influence on children. While they enhance their language skills and cognitive abilities, there's also a noted tendency toward aggression and violence. (Refer to the accompanying images) Children often mimic cartoon characters, sometimes leading to unintended aggressive behavior, which can manifest negatively, especially when interacting with peers or siblings.

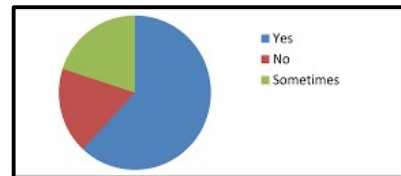Effect of cartoons on the children's language

Therefore, it's crucial for us as teachers and parents to monitor and guide our children's cartoon viewing responsibly. Encouraging content that promotes positive values while discouraging excessively violent or aggressive depictions can help shape healthier behavioural patterns in our children.

The Pre Primary teachers have delved deep into this concern and have prepared a list of Cartoons appropriate for children and others inappropriate for viewing as given below:

Cartoon Series recommended for children	Cartoon Series **not recommended** for children
• Jalebi street (English / Hindi) • Kent the Elephant (English/ Hindi) • Sid the Scientist (English) • Gattu and Chinki (Hindi / English) • Peppa Pig (English/ Hindi) • Mickey Mouse Club (English) • Tumble Leaf (English) • Hey Duggee(English) • Pip and Posy (English) • Peep and the big wide world (English) • Dora, The Explorer	• Doraemon • Shinchan • Tom and Jerry • Oggy and the cockroaches • Motu Patlu • Vir the Robot Boy • Powerpuff Girls • Cocomelon • The Simpsons • Family guy • Chota Bheem • Beavis and Butthead

Some tips for the parents:

- Watch cartoons with your Kids.

- Limit the number of screen hours and encourage them to indulge in physical activities.

- Select appropriate or educational cartoons.

- Explain the difference between cartoons and reality.

- Use filtering and monitoring applications to filter out inappropriate content and lock content which you do not want your child to access.

- Explore informative channels like Discovery, National Geographic, and Animal Planet for informative and educational content that will aid in the overall development of your child.

- Encourage your child to watch programmes with language aids that help them learn letters of the alphabet, words and rhymes.

- Use audio CDs-for story-time and rhymes rather than cartoons, as this will encourage your child to be a better listener.

We sincerely believe that the above recommendation will help the parents to instill positive values and traits amongst your kids and further make them responsible citizens of the country.

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