**Body Language!**

How do humans and other and other animals communicate with each other? Of course, humans communicate verbally by talking and making other sounds like laughing. Most other mamals also communicate by making sounds as well. Intelligent mammals, especially dolphins and whales, have well-developed verbal skills and communicate with high pitched sounds that carry through water. Researchers are working on deciphering these sounds in order to understand the dolphin and whale language.

Verbal communication is accompanied by non-verbal body language that also has meaning and emotion. Body language includes facial expression, posture, position of the arms and many other cues that help in understanding the meaning of verbal communication. In the absence of verbal communication body language can be sufficient to give meaning. Something a serious look from mum, dad or a teacher lets you know that you are not behaving properly- no words required!

Answer the questions below:

Tell a story about a time you used your body language to tell someone something.

Can you think of other ways of communicating? How would you if you couldn’t talk or use your body language? Be creative.