

Curriculum Planner for Year 1

Crossacres Primary Academy

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Term 1

WE are the GO-GIVERS



Meet the Go-Givers (KS 1)

An introduction to the Go-Givers characters. The lesson includes a quiz, and activities to help children understand the nature of fear and how to make friends.



Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody (KS 1)

This lesson is based around the clever traditional poem about four children named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. It introduces children to the idea of taking responsibility in the context of tidying up toys after they've been playing with them!

Cross-curricular links: literacy; drama

Learning Activities:

- Role play around making excuses. Role play cards included
- Discussing and writing the responsibilities they feel towards different groups (eg. themselves; their family; the whole country)
- Celebrating children's acts of kindness
- Making pledges on 'Helping Hands' coupons. Template included
- Read, discuss and illustrate the poem 'Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody'.

Term 2



Litter: The Picnic (KS 1)

This lesson is based around an animated story in which the Go-Givers character Digby gets separated from his friends, falls into a stream and gets trapped in a bottle! The story helps younger children learn about the danger litter can pose to wildlife. The simple language, animation and sound effects make this lesson suitable for Reception and Year 1 upwards.

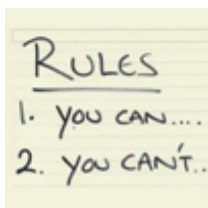
Cross-curricular links: science

Learning Activities:

- Learning the Countryside Code
- Experiment to find out how different materials decay and which are biodegradable
- Doing a litter survey in the school grounds
- Organising a Teddy Bears Picnic

'My children loved it and said they would love to read it again another time'

'What a charming resource! Will use this with my KS2 pupils as well.'



Rules: You Can't Do That Here (KS 1)

This lesson focuses on the importance of rules. In the animated story, Go-Givers character Callum wants to try out his new skateboard but keeps being told 'You can't do that here!' The story illustrates how rules and responsibilities can limit the choices available but also explores why they are necessary, how rules can keep you and others safe, and how rules can be changed.

Learning Activities:

- See Nifty Gear (available with a School Subscription) for creating a Classroom Contract /Ground Rules
- Discussing how everyone can contribute to Ground Rules, and how everyone can help enforce them.

Term 3



Expedition to Planet Blueball (KS 1)

This lesson explores the issues of pollution of our planet and sustainable power. It is based around an animated story, involving the Go-Givers characters, in which creatures from a friendly planet are invited to help clean up Earth.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, science, design technology, art and design

Learning Activities:

- Making 'space creature' masks
- Discussing how people might react to strange creatures from outer space. Drama activity to build skills in empathy
- Researching animals in danger of extinction
- Finding out about pollution and sustainable power sources
- Conducting an experiment to oxygenate water



The Selfish Little Red Hen (KS 1)

This animated story turns the traditional tale of The Little Red Hen on its head. In this case the hen is always too busy to help her friends. Pupils can choose the story ending. They are asked to reflect on the importance of team work and co-operation, and learn how to share their opinions.

Cross-curricular links: Drama (Spoken Language), Literacy

Learning Activities:

- Discussing the importance of being helpful: who helps the children? Who do they help?
- Discussing the impact of selfishness on others
- Writing a poem entitled "What kind of world would it be?"
- Considering how helpfulness benefits society

"We used this lesson as part of our traditional tales series. The children loved the twist to the story and they liked the fact that they could choose the ending to the story. It prompted a lengthy discussion and they discovered that we don't always agree! They really enjoyed it thank you!"



Please Help Mitali (KS 1)

This lesson follows the behaviour of our Go-Givers character Mitali, and explores why he is behaving badly, what choices he is making, and how children and adults can help.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy, Art & Design, PSHE

Learning Activities:

- Writing a poem about positive contributions Mitali can make to his school community
- Creating a fact file about animals that help humans in different ways
- Painting a picture or creating a collage about animals that help us



Get Better Soon (KS 1)

This lesson is based around an animated story involving the Go-Givers character Mitali who is feeling unwell. The other characters bring him different things to try and help him feel better. It introduces children to some common cold medicines found in the home such as Lemsip, Vicks VapoRub and Calpol as well as other traditional remedies such as 'chicken soup' and a 'hot toddy' containing alcohol.

Cross-curricular links: science

Learning Activities:

- Discussing times you have been unwell, medicines and treatments the children know about
- Discussing which medicines go inside and outside the body, matching pictures to the right place on an outline of the human body
- Role playing going to the doctor
- Understanding harmful effects of tobacco and alcohol

"Great resource. I've used it as an introductory lesson for our science topic on medicines."

"This matches our Drug Ed. lessons really well and makes the lesson so much more real and interesting for the children. Lots of opportunities for discussion to keep them enthusiastic and help them to learn and

remember these important messages."

Term 5



Disability: Stairs (KS 1)

This lesson uses an animated story, involving the Go-Givers character Pete, to explore the needs of people in wheelchairs, and show how determination can overcome difficulties.

Cross-curricular links: science

Learning Activities:

- Surveying the school site to identify any areas which are inaccessible to wheelchair users. Marking down the changes you would make.
- Discussing the achievements of Tanni Grey Thompson. Information included.
- Experimenting with pulleys



Caring for Pets (KS 1)

This lesson is based around a simple story exploring our responsibility to provide proper care for our pets.

Cross-curricular links: spoken language, data-handling

Learning Activities:

- Class pet survey, creating a bar chart to record the pets kept by families of children in the class
- Children match pictures portraying needs that humans and pets share. Which pet needs do the children have responsibility for?
- Looking at how we should treat our pets
- Looking at the everyday objects around the home that could be dangerous to pets
- Role play to develop empathy. Discussing ways in which pets can be good or bad neighbours



Save Our Jack (KS 1)

This lesson, in the form of a simple story, is about the factors that make a community successful and happy—including acceptance, tolerance, respect—and how the different cultural communities in Great Britain make a positive contribution.

Cross-curricular links: Geography

Learning Activities:

- Discussing what flags are for: if you had a school flag, what would it look like?
- Discussing the origins of the Union Jack and the countries that make up the United Kingdom
- Discussing the origins of different people in class and the positive contributions all the different cultures have made
- Writing a description of the UK for someone who has never been here
- Compiling a list of things the children are proud of about Britain, and things they would change



Exploring Our Community (KS 1)

In this lesson children are asked to consider who lives in their community and what the important places are. What do they like best about where they live and what would they like to change?

Cross-curricular links: literacy

Learning Activities:

- Completing 'My Communities' sheet, considering the concentric circles that make up your community.
- Drawing a map of your community. Comparing different visualisations of the local area.
- Writing stories inspired by Michael Rosen's 'Bear Hunt'. The children stumble across a 'community gem'.
- Community treasure hunt. Template included.



Go-Givers Bear Hunt (KS 1)

This charming animated story featuring Rio, our partially sighted character, is adapted from Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. There are two versions of the PowerPoint for this lesson. The top PPT incorporates a narration that includes a description of everything on the slide so it will take longer than usual to download. The backgrounds on the slides have been kept to a minimum to make them less confusing for partially sighted pupils. The lesson was developed in partnership with RNIB.

Cross-curricular links: science, literacy, spoken language

Learning Activities:

- Investigating our eyes and how they work
- Game to experience life without sight
- Discussion about risk-taking
- Re-telling the story from the point of view of the bear