

# Curriculum Planner for Year 3

## Crossacres Primary Academy

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### Term 1



#### Refugees: The Stranger (KS 1)

Go-Givers character Ahmeti is new to Britain and is worried about how she will fit in. This animated story looks at similarities and difference between people; including nationality, language, food and culture, and how they should be embraced. It also considers the practical and emotional responses of moving to a new country, and how children's behaviour can affect others.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, geography

Learning Activities:

- Discussing how it feels to be in a country where you do not speak the native language
- Researching and creating a display about the country/region of origin of a pupil or teacher at school
- Writing a short story entitled "A New Pupil Arrives at School"
- Establishing a partnership with a school abroad



#### Tongue (KS 1)

This lesson considers the importance of words, as illustrated by a West Indian legend: how words can be used to create goodness and happiness, but can also be used to be spiteful and to spread lies. The lesson also explores the five senses.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, science

Learning Activities:

- Discussing the five senses, and how they help us to explore our world
- Discussing how other creatures use their senses differently; examples given include fish and insects
- Exploring how negative comments make us feel

- Converting “put downs” into positive comments
- Writing tongue twisters.

## Term 2



### Peer Pressure: It's Your Choice (KS 2)

A lesson to explore peer group pressure based around a short story involving the Go-Givers character Teefa who is being encouraged by her friends to engage in risky or anti-social behaviour. It also addresses role models, road safety and the need for rules. Suitable for lower KS2.

Cross-curricular links: literacy

Learning Activities:

- Writing nonsense 'rules' poems
- Learning the Green Cross Code
- Identifying role models



### The Two Brothers (KS 1)

This lesson consists of a story adapted from an Egyptian legend that teaches about the importance of family love, selflessness and generosity.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, geography, charitable giving

Learning Activities:

- Thinking about the groups you belong to: family, friends, religion, clubs
- Thinking out how being generosity is often reciprocated
- Writing top tips for being a good brother/sister/cousin or friend
- Discussing the importance of water for farming
- Discussing the impact of the Nile in farming in Ancient Egypt
- Acting out the story of "Joseph and his coat of many colours"

*"An easy, well explained story which provided thought for much discussion and restores our faith in the generosity of humankind."*

*"Enjoyed the story and had a good discussion about the words in the glossary. Also had a good discussion about families. The children liked the pictures and the animation."*

## Term 3



### **The Earth in Our Hands (KS 2)**

This lesson explores how the actions of human beings are destroying our Earth, and looks at how we can reduce our carbon footprint: using less energy, reducing carbon emissions, saving water, re-using and re-cycling. It is suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: science

Learning Activities:

- Crossword
- Photosynthesis experiment
- Research into renewable energy
- Carbon footprint homework activity
- Designing leaflets/posters

Linked assembly:

The children are reminded of the extraordinary number of species in the world. However, some animals are endangered and people are largely responsible for this. The children are asked to consider what they can do to support animal life.



### **Schools are for Learning (KS 2)**

What would the children's ultimate school look like? This lesson gives children an opportunity to consider the changes they would make to their education, including creative ideas! It is suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Art

Learning Activities:

- Designing a school logo
- Researching education in other countries.
- Educational Charities. How donations might be spent.



## Go Givers Park (KS 1)

This lesson involves creating a park with areas and activities for the Go-Givers characters, and their families, to enjoy. The PowerPoint gives some facts about each character's family, their likes and dislikes and other information. The children then put themselves into each character's shoes to think about their different needs.

Cross-curricular links: geography

Learning Activities:

- Designing the park considering which equipment or activities should go where and which characters would benefit
- Peer evaluation of park designs



## The Clown of God (KS 1)

This story, adapted from an Italian legend, tells of a talented young juggler who is taunted as he grows too old to perform. It stresses the importance of recognising and celebrating each other's talents and learning from experiences, and reminds children that bullying and teasing are hurtful and wrong.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, art and design, physical education

Learning Activities:

- Discussion about mocking and bullying
- Creating a wall display to recognise the talents of others
- Considering the impact of growing older, and contrasting the benefits of youth with those of older age
- Learning to juggle

*"The children loved it and understood the story which is beautifully presented, thank you!"*



### **You Scratch My Back (KS 1)**

This lesson explores the importance of sharing and co-operation, using symbiotic examples from nature and a musical exercise to illustrate how working together can help bring about better outcomes.

Cross-curricular links: science, music

#### **Learning Activities:**

- Learning about the ways that different animals help each other to survive in the natural world
- Considering the meanings of conflict, cooperation and negotiation
- Creating their own animal (group activity)
- Creating their own piece of music; firstly when working alone, secondly when listening and working as a team

*"Brilliant slideshow. A super introduction to the task set for group work. Thank you."*

## Term 5



### **There's No Place Like Home (KS 2)**

This lesson explores the importance of a safe, loving home for our personal development, and the consequences of homelessness, particularly for children. Suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Drama, literacy

Learning Activities:

- Poetry writing: What makes a house a home
- Hotseating: housing official and a homeless family
- Goal setting: 'The sky's the limit'

Linked assembly:

Children emerge from a makeshift tent to questions about what they think it would be like to live in a tent for a prolonged period of time. This leads on to discussion about refugees and the story of Bruce Kenrick the founder of Shelter.

## Term 6



### **Chicken Soup (KS 1)**

This lesson is based around a traditional story adapted from Jewish folk-lore about the value of sharing and nature of generosity.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, science (healthy eating)

Learning Activities:

- Investigating the traditional chicken soup recipe. Why might this be considered healthy?
- Completing sheet 'Are You a Healthy Eater?'
- Homework: children bring in one healthy recipe from home (template provided)
- Make a class collection of healthy eating recipes



### **Water: Our Most Precious Resource (KS 2)**

This lesson reminds us of the importance of water for our physical well-being. We learn how charities are providing practical support to some of the one in five people in the world don't have access to clean water. Suitable for KS1 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: Science

Learning Activities:

- Building a water filter
- A condensation experiment
- Measuring water wastage