

# Curriculum Planner for Year 4

## Crossacres Primary Academy

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### Term 1



#### Children's Needs: Roots and Wings (KS 2)

This lesson looks at what children need to make the most of their potential and how charities support those in need.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, Science

#### Learning Activities

- Writing poems about people who care for us
- Experiment to investigate root growth and the purpose of roots in a plant
- Considering gifts for a new born baby and developing their ideas through creative poems



#### The Golden Rule (KS 2)

This lesson shows how all the major religions subscribe to the idea that we should behave towards others as we would like others to behave towards us. Suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: RE

#### Learning Activities:

- Devising simple laws that the children would ask all the world's governments to agree to.

#### Linked assembly:

In the ancient Korean folk tale 'Chopsticks', a warrior is afforded a vision of heaven and hell. We are reminded that in the context of our lives on Earth, selfishness leads to unhappiness - a kind of Hell.



### **Conscience Corridor (KS 2)**

This lesson is a Speaking and Listening activity which provides an opportunity for children to listen, put forward arguments, and make informed decisions on a number of controversial topics such as whether it is fair to make animals perform in a circus and whether children should be taught in 'sets' by ability or in mixed ability groups.

Cross curricular links: Literacy

## Term 2



### Mediation: Resolving Conflict (KS 2)

This lesson explores how conflicts can be resolved by looking at things fairly, listening carefully and trying to stand in the other person's shoes. It also looks at how mediators can help negotiate solutions that can be agreed to by both parties.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, art and design

Learning Activities:

- Learning and practising mediation skills
- Writing own story in the style of 'The Short Tale of a Lemon' to illustrate sharing and negotiation
- Creating silhouette designs



### Homophobia: Respecting All Our Differences (KS 2)

This lesson takes the form of an animated story involving Go-Givers character Anna who is being called 'gay' because she plays football and doesn't like wearing dresses. The story addresses the issue of homophobic bullying, and explores different kinds of families. This lesson has been approved by the Stonewall education team.

Cross-curricular links: maths (statistics)

Learning Activities:

- Conducting a bullying survey
- Looking at words 'with a sting in their tail'
- Identifying what is unique about each of us



### For & Against: Where Do You Stand? (KS 2)

This lesson provides a number of issues on which children are asked to think about where they stand. They will be supported in learning how to express their views and listen to different points of view before making up their mind on important issues.

Cross curricular links: Literacy

Learning Activities

- Discussion using situations provided

- Writing a letter to a political representative
- Finding out what an activist does

## Term 3



### **Fairtrade: Have a Banana (KS 2)**

This lesson explores how Fairtrade can create a more equal market for the independent producer. It also includes the health giving properties of a banana.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, Drama

#### Learning Activities

- Compare independent farmers and big producers
- Persuasive letter writing exercise (support for differentiation provided)
- Hot seating/role play activity



### **Microorganisms (KS 2)**

This lesson looks at microorganisms and explores how some can be helpful, while others are harmful. It also teaches children about the importance of good hygiene.

Cross-curricular links: science

#### Learning Activities:

- Experiment to grow bacteria
- Making soap
- Demonstrating how germs spread
- Experiment to show effect of handwashing
- Experiment to show why some food is kept in the fridge
- Finding out about Edward Jenner and Alexander Flemming



### **Emergency (KS 2)**

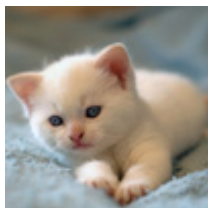
This lesson describes how the emergency services operate. It also explains the role of the volunteer and how to administer basic First Aid in situations such as nose bleed and bee sting. The lesson includes a video containing interviews with the staff of Kent Air Ambulance, and an electronic First Aid quiz.

Cross curricular links: Health and Safety, Literacy

#### Learning Activities

- Prepare a presentation for the younger children to educate them on keeping safe in certain locations e.g. the beach
- Complete a quiz relating to the video about Kent Air Ambulance

## Term 4



### **Animal Care: Creature Kindness (KS 2)**

This lesson looks at the advantages and disadvantages of pet ownership, the importance of taking care of animals and the work of animal welfare charities such as the RSPCA.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, Art

#### Learning Activities

- Listing the advantages and disadvantages of owning a pet
- Designing a leaflet for Dog's Trust

*"That was a really good power point! They learnt a lot. They are now making their own leaflet for their own charity!"*



### **Family Break Up: My Mum Doesn't Live Here Any More (KS 2)**

This lesson is designed to help children cope with family break up. It is delivered in a cartoon format using Go-Giver character Callum's personal experience to explain what can happen when mums and dads don't get along anymore.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, Drama, History (timeline)

#### Learning Activities

- Discussion: Different types of families and the changes that can occur in families
- Folding activity to show the value of good communication
- Puppet show script
- Timeline to show family changes
- Discussion: Different techniques for managing anger.



### **Equal Opportunities (KS 2)**

This lesson is about the meaning of equal opportunities and the nature of prejudice. It gives examples of groups that may suffer from discrimination.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, IT, Art

#### Learning Activities

- Discussion: What qualities to look for in a friend
- Story writing
- Researching charities that support groups of people who are discriminated against
- Designing an equal opportunities logo
- Creating a cartoon to illustrate an unfair situation



## Term 5



### Care for the Elderly: The Grey Years (KS 2)

This lesson aims to help children understand the process of ageing and what it feels like to be old. It also looks at how charities help older people retain their independence.

Cross curricular links: Drama, Art, Literacy

#### Learning Activities

- Situations to allow children to be more empathetic and understanding of the difficulties sometimes encountered with old age
- Role play
- Poster/leaflet making on 'ways to keep warm at night'

*"This is great, I will adapt this to use with a unit on caring for individuals with additional needs."*



### The Gift of Sight (KS 2)

This lesson explains how the eye works. It explores the importance of sight, eye safety and how sight can be restored to some blind people in developing countries for very little cost. Suitable for Year 4 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: science

#### Learning Activities:

- group discussion on disability discrimination
- A blind walk
- Testing the reliability of smell
- 'find your blind spot' activity
- making a cartoon flip book

#### Linked assembly:

This includes optical illusions and discussion about how our amazing brain interprets what the eye sees. The story of David Blunkett introduces discussion and reflection on the determination of people who have adapted to their particular disability.

*"A wealth of information relating to the eye, sight & blindness, overlapping many curriculum areas."*

*"Great as an intro for light and shadows in Y6...thanks!"*



## **What Kind of Farming? (KS 2)**

This lesson looks at animal husbandry on intensive and free range farms, and how farming practices affect food prices. Suitable for KS1 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: Science

Learning Activities:

- Devising a Questionnaire
- Visiting a supermarket
- Food wastage survey
- Tips for using leftovers

## Term 6



### **Charitable Giving Through History (KS 2)**

This lesson looks at the meaning and history of charity and their role in society both past and present. It looks at the role of the Victorian workhouse and alms houses. It also explores how the government helps those in need.

Cross curricular links: History, Numeracy

#### Learning Activities

- Discussion to help children understand why people sometimes need help
- Hot seating in roles of Victorian Workhouse staff and 'inmates'
- Voting on favourite causes and charities



### **History of the Olympics (KS 2)**

This lesson explores the origins of the Olympic Games. The Learning Activities delve further into the rivalry between the Spartans and Athenians, and invite a debate about the relative merits of brains and brawn.

Cross curricular links: History, Literacy, Numeracy

#### Learning Activities

- Grecian Art
- Dialogue between an Athenian and a Spartan
- Debate: Is brain better than brawn?
- Researching children's questions about the ancient Olympics (suggestion given) and creating a PowerPoint in pairs.



### **Immigration: Coming to Britain (KS 2)**

This lesson gives a potted history of the people who have come to live in Britain from the Celts, Romans and Vikings to the migrant workers from Eastern Europe and people fleeing conflicts and poverty today. The lesson includes a video interview with a Kent headteacher originally from the Punjab region of India.

Cross-curricular links: history, geography, literacy

### Learning Activities:

- Comprehension questions linked to the video interview
- Role play scenarios to explore how it feels to be a newcomer
- Investigating words from other countries adopted into the English language