

Curriculum Planner for Year 5

Crossacres Primary Academy

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Term 1



Nelson Mandela (KS 2)

This lesson explores Nelson Mandela's fight against apartheid in South Africa. It considers different points of view about famous people in history and concludes that struggles for freedom are not necessarily peaceful.

Cross-curricular links: geography, history, literacy (drama & poetry)

Learning Activities:

- Sorting apartheid signs
- Considering similarities and differences and how people are sometimes grouped by characteristics such as skin colour or hair colour
- Hot seating to explore different points of view in a story about discrimination
- Creative writing from the point of view of a black South African during apartheid

"Thanks for these resources. The playground scenario is just fab. I'll try to use it to begin the lesson I think. Should be quite thought provoking!!"

"Thanks! This is a great resource - sums up all the information necessary. I also think the moral dilemma/story is excellent."

This lesson has been recommended by the TES resources panel.



Sustainable Development (KS 2)

The PowerPoint consists of a pictorial quiz, with photos representing environmental problems and solutions. This lesson is suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: science, geography

Learning Activities:

- Water usage homework activity
- School audit and creation of a sustainability plan



Culture: The Roma (KS 2)

This lesson is a celebration of cultural diversity - the similarities which unite us and the differences that enrich us. It takes a particular look at Roma culture.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, Art, Drama

Learning Activities

- Discuss similarities and differences between their own and Roma Culture
- Circle activity using senses and emotions
- Drama to highlight the senselessness of bullying someone for being different
- Creating a collage to represent diversity

Term 2



Rights & Responsibilities: Getting the Balance Right (KS 2)

This lesson explores how rules and laws help keep the balance between our rights and the rights of others by looking at the examples of privacy and free speech. It includes a video of an interview with Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty.

Cross-curricular links: literacy, art and design

Learning Activities:

- Writing a cautionary tale
- Designing posters



Keeping Safe in Cyberspace (KS 2)

This lesson explores the dangers of sharing personal information on the internet through situations involving the Go-Givers characters. It focuses on why bullying via social media and mobile phones is particularly harmful and how children can protect themselves from the various forms of cyber-bullying.

Cross-curricular links: IT, drama

Learning Activities:

- True or false quiz about interacting with people via social media
- Making posters about internet safety rules
- Role play scenarios involving cyber-bullying

"A well structured and comprehensive powerpoint about cyber bullying with a good selection of related learning activities."

This resource has been recommended by the TES Resource Team for its relevance to the 2014 National Curriculum.



Magna Carta (KS 2)

This lesson explores the concepts of fairness and justice and how the Magna Carta is the foundation for equality before the law in the UK.

Cross-curricular links: history

Learning Activities:

- researching people who fought for justice
- finding out about our system of jury service
- writing own Queen's Speech

Term 3



Martin Luther King: Sacrificing All for the Dream (KS 2)

This lesson looks at discrimination against African Americans in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement and how Martin Luther King achieved change through peaceful protest. It also explores the nature of prejudice and racism and includes a link to the famous 'I have a dream' speech.

Cross-curricular links: history

Learning Activities:

- experiment to explore unequal treatment of different groups
- discussion about how children deal with incidents of teasing
- looking at the factors we take into consideration when judging others

"Used this to mark MLK day for whole school assembly. This ppt saved me hours of work and provided lots of extra information."



Valentine's Day (KS 2)

The origins of Valentine's Day traditions. Suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Art

Learning Activities:

- Pay it forward activity
- Valentine Day cards with promissory coupons
- Destructive emotions
- How to show you care



Topics for Discussion: Mind Maze (KS 2)

Mind Maze consists of a series of cryptic questions to develop children's ability to discuss social and moral issues. Suitable for upper KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy

The Learning Activities contain advice on classroom discussion and background information on the issues to inform the debate.



Term 4



Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale: Pioneering Nurses (KS 2)

This lesson tells the story of how Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale overcame prejudice to help others and explores how discrimination can prevent people from making a full contribution to society. The lesson also helps children understand the importance of good hygiene, particularly in hospitals.

Cross-curricular links: science, history

Learning Activities:

- Crossword to recall facts in the story
- Science experiment to test the effectiveness of different methods of hand washing



Identities (KS 2)

This lesson explores the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped the heritage of people living in Britain today. It asks children to think about their own identities and the different groups they belong to using a poem to encourage curiosity about similarities and differences. Suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: history, geography, literacy, art

Learning Activities:

- Making Chinese red envelopes
- Creating geometric Kente cloth designs and Islamic patterns
- Researching places of pilgrimage
- Creating a class recipe book to reflect different cultural influences
- Exploring the concept of prejudice



Discussion Scenarios: Dizzy Dilemmas (KS 2)

This lesson is a series of nine personal and social dilemmas children might come across in real life. It provides opportunities for open-ended discussion, suitable for Circle Time, and asks children what they would do in a similar situation.

Term 5



Bereavement: Treasured Memories (KS 2)

This lesson helps children understand how to deal with their feelings after the death of someone they cared for. It also suggests activities for children to do in school on the occasion of the death of a pupil or adult associated with the school.

Cross curricular links: RE, Literacy

Learning Activities

- Description of the emotion and journey we might experience following the death of someone we care about
- An allegorical tale to encourage discussion
- Ideas for whole school coping mechanisms



The Green-Eyed Monster (KS 2)

A lesson about the difference between envy and jealousy, and how jealous feelings can be harmful to ourselves and others. It suggests various scenarios where jealousy can occur and how we can react negatively or positively. Suitable for Year 4 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy

Learning Activities:

- Story of The Rivals
- A court drama
- Monster maze

Belonging to Groups (KS 2)



This lesson invites children to think about the groups we belong to and how they support us. It provides ideas on how to generate a discussion on the positive and negative aspects of groups and anti bullying strategies. It also provides opportunities for team roles and tasks.

Cross curricular links: Literacy, DT

Learning Activities

- Create an Anti-Bullying tree

- Construct a newspaper bridge
- Find out the importance of the 'bigger picture'

Term 6



Tricky Topics (KS 2)

Topics which would lend themselves to Circle Time discussions with introductory notes and key questions. Suitable for upper KS2.



Famous Philanthropists (KS 2)

This lesson looks at how some successful business people have donated large sums of money to charitable causes. It asks children to consider the things that enrich/impoorish our lives.

Cross curricular links: Numeracy, IT, Literacy

Learning Activities

- Calculating the percentage of income given to charity
- Discussion around philanthropy
- Group research and presentation on a chosen philanthropist



Mali (KS 2)

A lesson exploring history, culture and religion in the fascinating country of Mali, including how the community works together to keep the Great Mosque of Djenné in good repair.

Cross-curricular links: geography, history, art and design, RE, science (materials)

Learning Activities:

- co-operative games
- making adobe bricks
- learning about the customs of the Dogon people