

Curriculum Planner for Year 6

Crossacres Primary Academy

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Term 1



Rights & Responsibilities: Freedom! (KS 2)

This lesson explores our right to freedom, and how this right comes with responsibilities towards others. It also tells the story of Toussaint L'Ouverture's fight for freedom from slavery for the people of Haiti. It asks children consider if they have ever had their freedom taken away, even for a short time, and how this felt. Suitable for upper KS2.

Cross-curricular links: history, literacy

Learning Activities:

- Researching other freedom fighters in history
- Creative writing about what they would miss if they lost their freedom



Democracy (KS 2)

This lesson is a three part module explaining local, national and European democracy in simple terms. It suggests how children can participate and provides simple definitions for words associated with elections and politics.

Cross curricular links: History, Literacy, IT

Learning Activities

- A voting activity
- Developing a manifesto for a new party
- Reading about The Suffragettes (brief history provided)
- Research the names of local MP's MEP's and councillors and display the results in the classroom
- Whose Problem' activity – discussion on problems in the community and decisions on who would be responsible

"Fantastic resource. Great main presentation with extra bit to dip into to promote further discussion. Thank you!"

"Brilliant, thank you. Really clear and delivered in a fun and

interesting way."



Our Interconnected World (KS 2)

This lesson explores how events in one part of the world can have a global impact, taking the examples of the war in Syria, the Ebola crisis and fluctuating oil prices. It is suitable for upper KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy, Geography, Art, IT

Learning Activities:

- An investigation of where in the world everyday items are made
- Writing a plea for peace to the General Secretary of the UN
- Developing an illustrated pamphlet entitled 'WHO Cares' after looking at the work of the WHO
- Creating posters from metaphors

Linked assembly:

This assembly uses the example of the villagers of Eyam, and a nurse who volunteered her services to fight Ebola in West Africa, to show how real generosity involves putting the needs of others before our own.

Term 2



Working For Peace (KS 2)

This lesson looks at the causes of conflict and areas of the world where there is strife. It explains the role of the UN and how some charities work for reconciliation. Suitable for Year 4 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: Geography

Learning Activities:

- How can we make the world a more peaceful place
- 5 x Co-operative games

Linked assembly:

Nasim lives in Afghanistan. As a result of war he is responsible for earning money to feed his family. Despite his circumstances he still has hope for the future. The children are asked to reflect on a personal difficulty, and to imagine a positive outcome.



Child Slavery: All for Profit (KS 2)

This lesson looks at the Unicef Rights of the Child and how children across the world are enslaved or bonded to serve the needs of business.

Cross curricular links: Geography, History

Learning Activities

- Looking at where items originate from
- Using questions as discussion starters
- Taking a closer look at the Law on Child Labour

Term 3



Gandhi: Great Soul (KS 2)

This lesson is about the life of Mahatma Gandhi and how he brought about change by peaceful means; one man's campaign to overcome racism and injustice.

Cross curricular links: History, Drama

Learning Activities

- Role play scenarios
- Discussion: Racism and the law
- Thinking about how to 'Be the change you want to see in the world'



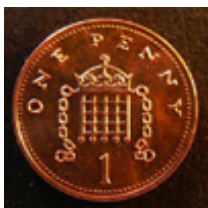
Stressed Out (KS 2)

This lesson for lower KS2 upwards aims to help children understand the situations that cause stress, and to recognise and deal with stress in themselves and others. It accentuates the importance of sharing and listening.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy, art

Learning Activities:

- Metaphors
- Expressing feelings through art
- Guidelines for good listening



You Can't Buy Anything with a Penny (KS 2)

This lesson highlights the amazing achievements of young people who have campaigned for a cause they care passionately about. It is particularly useful when children are embarking on social action projects like the Go-Givers Make a Difference Challenge. Suitable for all KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy

Learning Activities:

- Activists' planning sheet
- What causes people to become refugees?

Linked assembly:

The story of Liam, winner of The Daily Mirror Child of Courage Award, is the catalyst for thinking about how we can help others in times of trouble, whether it be a coin from our pocket money, a little of our time, or a kind word.



Bullying: Prepare to Stand Up and Stand Out (KS 2)

This lesson looks at ways in which we differ from each other and how we can develop a positive body image. The children learn about intervention strategies through role play.

Cross curricular links: Literacy (Speaking)

Learning Activities

- Paired game to find out similarities and differences
- Bullying interventions- discuss scenarios
- Discussion: Body image
- Identifying 'bullying hotspots' and discussing preventative measures



Strong Societies (KS 2)

This lesson addresses the questions 'What is a society?' and 'What makes a strong society?' It explains how laws, taxes and charities contribute to our well-being, and suggests how we can be responsible citizens. The benefits of society are shown through a cartoon story. This lesson is suitable for all KS2, some elements for upper KS2.

Cross-curricular links: History, science

Learning Activities:

- Ant societies
- Intersection experiment
- Societies of the past

Term 4



Understanding Cancer (KS 2)

Many children in classrooms all around the country are dealing with cancer in one way or another at any given time. This lesson seeks to answer some of their questions and demonstrate how they might support friends and family members affected by the disease. Suitable for Year 4 upwards.

Cross-curricular links: Science, literacy

Learning Activities:

- A day in the life of a young carer
- How to keep healthy



Stephen Lawrence: The Long Search for Justice (KS 2)

This lesson for upper KS2 looks at how we use our discrimination, and how discrimination can be socially harmful. The PowerPoint sets out how the parents of Stephen Lawrence went about achieving justice for their son.

Cross-curricular links: Literacy

Learning Activities:

- Experiment: They're all the same
- A story illustrating the nature of prejudice
- Discussion about discrimination

Term 5



Moral Values: When is Enough Enough? (KS 2)

This lesson explores how minor offences, such as taking things that don't belong to us, can lead to more serious behaviour through a series of scenarios involving the Go-Givers character Teefa. It aims to illustrate how our moral values can be gradually eroded. For upper KS2 children the theme can be extended into a wider context, the moral values of a government and a nation - in this case Nazi Germany, exploring how small acts against Jewish people eventually led to the holocaust.

Cross-curricular links: history

Learning Activities:

- Discussion about stealing
- Writing stories about small acts of unkindness turning into bullying
- Discussion about Hilter and the holocaust
- Learning about Anne Frank



Why do we Pay Taxes? (KS 2)

Through this lesson we learn how the welfare state ensures a basic level of care for all citizens. It includes the role of the Chancellor and how taxes are levied. Suitable for KS2.

Cross-curricular links: Maths

Learning Activities:

- Being Chancellor for a day
- Discussion about children voting
- Survey of parental attitudes re. tax



The Benefits System (KS 2)

This lesson is a reminder that the benefits system is a safety net that is used by us all in times of need. The PowerPoint poses a number of questions on contentious issues to stimulate discussion. Suitable for upper KS2.

Cross-curricular links: critical thinking

Learning Activities:

- Feelings timeline
- Vote on benefit cut options
- Avoiding misconceptions



Bouncing Back (KS 1)

A lesson to help children develop resilience and consider how to respond to challenges in a positive way. The Go-Givers characters share their experiences of difficult situations and how they 'bounced back'.

Cross-curricular links: literacy

Learning Activities:

- Discussing how we can think of our problems as lessons to learn from
- Making a list of effort statements
- Drawing cartoons to illustrate the difference between the optimist and the pessimist
- A physical activity to help children to reflect upon and change the direction of their thinking
- Completing sheet 'Can We Fix it?', listing problems and suggesting solutions
- Making a whole class poem reflecting your positive solution-focussed thinking!



Bullying: I won't be made to feel bad (KS 1)

In this lesson the Go-Givers characters describe how they dealt with incidents of bullying, and children have an opportunity to reflect on their own experiences.

Cross-curricular links: literacy; drama

Learning Activities:

- Discussing the ways in which people are different from each other
- Bullying drama
- Forming a human chain of experiences and looking at the role of bystanders
- Making a kindness garden. Templates provided



Bullying: Sticks and Stones (KS 1)

A short, practical activity with a paper heart to demonstrate the hurt caused by name calling.

Learning Activities:

- A whole class activity using paper hearts
- Discussing the well-known phrase 'sticks and stones can break your bones but words can never hurt you'. Can mean words leave scars on other's hearts?

"Lovely activity for my year 3 class, very appropriate for this year's anti-bullying theme. Thank You."

"Lovely lesson idea. I'm going to use it with year one for anti-bullying week. It's really visual."



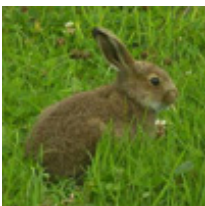
Caring for Our Community (KS 1)

In this lesson children are introduced to the words 'philanthropist' and 'charity' and think about the role they play in helping to care for people. Which charities do the children think are most important, how can they help care for people in their community and why is this important?

Cross-curricular links: literacy

Learning Activities:

- Creating a 'community web' with wool to demonstrate how tight bonds bind communities together
- Categorising every day items as 'essential' or 'desirable' to explore wants and needs
- Creating a philanthropist super-hero!
- Surveying members of the community



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



Puberty: Don't Make Your Best Friend have to tell you! (KS 2)

This lesson explores how bodies change at puberty, focusing on changes to skin, hair and hormones that cause body odour, meaning that good personal hygiene is more important during, and following, adolescence.

Cross-curricular links: science

Learning Activities:

- Role play scenarios to practice talking sensitively to a friend about something related to their personal appearance or body odour



Knife Crime: Shielding from Harm (KS 2)

This lesson explores knife crime in the news and tries to put frightening headlines into perspective. It also explains what the law says about carrying knives and gives tips on how children can keep themselves, and others, safe and stand up to peer pressure.

Cross-curricular links: literacy

Learning Activities:

- Role play scenarios
- Creating a leaflet about keeping safe
- Developing a personal timeline showing important milestones in the past and goals for the future.



Secondary Transfer: From the Biggest to the Smallest (KS 2)

This transition lesson for Year 6 helps children to prepare for secondary school. Follow Teefa as she organises herself and gets ready for the first day, considers how to keep safe, and sets herself goals.

Cross-curricular links: Design Technology

Learning Activities:

- Designing school bags
- Resisting peer pressure
- Developing study habits