The Ripple Effect of Kindness

Learning objective: To understand the impact of kind actions on ourselves and our community.

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions. Make sure to use evidence from the text to support your answers.

In the heart of the forest, Leo the lion noticed that Kit the fox looked particularly worried while trying to fix a broken bridge. Instead of walking past, Leo stopped to offer his strength to help lift the heavy logs. Seeing this, Bea the honeybee decided to fly to the meadow to collect colourful wildflowers, which she tucked into the gaps of the bridge to make it look beautiful. When Max the monkey arrived, he used his mathematical skills to ensure the structure was safe and sturdy. Within an hour, what started as a stressful situation for Kit had become a shared success. Kindness, Leo often says, is like a ripple in a pond; one small act of care encourages others to join in. By showing empathy and helping one another, the group turned a difficult task into a moment of friendship. This collective effort not only fixed the bridge but also strengthened the bond between them, proving that a little bit of support goes a long way in building a happy, thriving community.

Word bank: compassion · community · empathy · positive · generosity · perspective

1. Identify two characters who helped Kit with the bridge and explain what each one did. (2 marks)

2. What specific item did Bea use to decorate the bridge? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Kit felt 'stressed' at the beginning of the passage? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, what does the 'ripple in a pond' metaphor suggest about how kindness spreads? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree with Leo’s statement that kindness helps build a 'thriving community'? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo, Kit, Bea, and Max working together on the bridge, showing the different ways they are contributing to the project.

Extension challenge: Think of a time you performed a 'ripple' of kindness. Write a short paragraph explaining what you did and how it made both you and the other person feel.