Building a Better Community: My Neighbourhood Plan

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community and identify how individuals can contribute positively to their local area.

Read the opening passage and use the prompts below to write a short report about what makes a community special and how you can help yours grow. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

A community is more than just a group of houses; it is a collection of people who share a space and look out for one another.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · on the other hand · community spirit · cooperation · positive impact · local environment · working together · valuable

1. What does the word 'community' mean to you? Start by saying: A community is important because... (2 marks)

2. Who are the important people or groups in your community? Start by saying: People like shopkeepers, teachers, and neighbours help by... (2 marks)

3. What is one challenge your community might face, and how could people solve it together? Start by saying: One challenge is..., which could be solved if we... (3 marks)

4. How can you personally contribute to making your area a kinder place? Start by saying: I can make a positive impact by... (2 marks)

5. Imagine a project that would benefit everyone, such as a garden or a club. How much might it cost to run for a week, and how could you raise the money? Start by saying: A project we could start is..., which might cost £... to run, and we could raise this by... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a local charity or community group. Write a short letter to them explaining why you think their work is valuable and how a Year 4 student could support their goals.