Being Part of a Community

Learning objective: To understand how we can contribute to our local community and why it is important to help others.

Read the story about Max the monkey. Then, look at the word bank if you need help. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Max the monkey lives in a big, green forest. He loves his home. He knows that living in a community means helping his neighbours. One sunny morning, Max saw an elderly turtle struggling to carry a heavy bag of fruit. Max quickly jumped down from his tree. He smiled and said, 'Let me help you with that!' Max carried the bag all the way to the turtle's home. Later that day, Max noticed the forest path was covered in messy litter. He asked his friends if they wanted to tidy up. They worked as a team to pick up the rubbish and make the forest look beautiful again. Max felt very happy. He realised that when everyone does a small act of kindness, the whole community feels safer and happier. Whether it is sharing a book, helping a friend, or keeping a place tidy, Max knows that small actions make a big difference. Everyone has a part to play in their community. Being a good friend is the best way to start.

Word bank: Community · Helpful · Neighbour · Kindness · Together

1. Who did Max help with a heavy bag of fruit? (2 marks)

2. What did Max and his friends do to the forest path? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max felt happy after he helped his friends? (2 marks)

4. How can we tell that Max is a kind character? (2 marks)

5. What is one way you could help your own community? Explain why this is helpful. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey doing something kind for one of his neighbours in the forest.

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you helped someone at school or at home.