Building a Better Community with Max and Leo

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of community, identify the roles people play within it, and recognise how individual actions contribute to the well-being of others.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of PSHE and your local area to answer. Think about how we can support the people around us to make our neighbourhood a happier place.

Max the monkey believes that a community is like a complex puzzle where every piece has a special place. Leo the lion, our group leader, believes that a community is a pride where everyone looks out for one another. Together, they want to see how you understand the world around you.

Word bank: cooperation · diversity · responsibility · volunteer · empathy · support · inclusion

1. Max is organising a community clean-up day. List two reasons why it is important for members of a community to look after their local shared spaces, such as parks or pavements. (2 marks)

2. Leo says that 'empathy' is the glue that holds a community together. Explain what empathy means in your own words and give an example of how you could show empathy to a new student in your school. (2 marks)

3. Imagine your community is raising money for a new local library. If you held a bake sale and sold 20 cupcakes for £1.50 each, how much money would you raise for the library fund? (2 marks)

4. Identify one person or group in your real-life community (e.g., a teacher, a shopkeeper, or a charity worker) and describe how their role helps other people. (2 marks)

5. Why is 'inclusion' important in a community? Think about what might happen if some people were not allowed to join in with local events. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Community Map' showing three different places in your neighbourhood where people come together (such as a school, a community centre, or a park) and include a small picture of yourself helping someone in one of those spots.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem, in the style of Leo the lion, about what makes your specific community unique and special. Use at least three words from the word bank in your poem.