Building Our Community: The Village Project

Learning objective: To understand the roles and responsibilities that help a community thrive and to recognise how different people contribute to our shared environment.

Max the monkey is helping design a new community space, but he needs to make sure all the right services are included! Look at the list of community roles below and sort them into the correct categories. Then, answer the questions to explain why these roles are important for a happy and safe neighbourhood.

Word bank: Litter picker · Librarian · Doctor · Neighbourhood watch · Youth club leader · Local gardener · Crossing patrol officer · Food bank volunteer

1. Choose two roles from the word bank that help keep our community healthy or safe. Explain why they are important. (2 marks)

2. If our community did not have a librarian or a youth club leader, how might the children in the area be affected? (2 marks)

3. Imagine a new community garden is being built. If it costs £450 to buy plants and £125 to buy tools, what is the total cost for the community? Show your working. (2 marks)

4. What is one small thing you could do this week to be a helpful member of your own community? (1 mark)

5. Why is it important for people in a community to look after public spaces, like parks or pavements? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of your dream community. Include at least four different buildings or spaces from the word bank and show how they are connected by paths or roads.

Extension challenge: Write a short letter to a local community hero (like a postie, a shopkeeper, or a volunteer) to thank them for the work they do to make your area a better place to live.