My Community Action Plan: A Guide by Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community and identify ways to contribute positively to our local area.

Max the Monkey loves solving maths puzzles, but he also knows that the best problems are solved when a community works together! Use this template to think about your own community. Think about the people, the places, and the actions that make your neighbourhood a special place to live. Fill in each section with your own ideas on how to be a helpful and active citizen.

Word bank: citizenship · cooperation · contribution · neighbourhood · support · volunteering · environment · diversity · responsibility · kindness

1. My Community Profile: Describe the people who make up your community (e.g., neighbours, shopkeepers, local groups). What makes them important to your area? (2 marks)

2. Shared Spaces: Identify one place in your community that everyone uses (e.g., a park, a library, a community centre). Why is this space valuable to everyone? (2 marks)

3. The Cost of Kindness: Imagine you want to organise a small community event like a litter pick or a bake sale. If it costs £15 for supplies, how could you and your neighbours work together to raise that money? (3 marks)

4. Taking Action: List two small things you could do this week to help someone in your community or improve your local environment. (2 marks)

5. Reflecting on Responsibility: Why is it important for every person to play a part in looking after their community? Give one reason. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one of your ideas from 'Taking Action' and create a colourful poster to encourage others in your class or neighbourhood to join you in your community project.