Building Our Community: The Village of Harmony

Learning objective: To understand the roles and responsibilities that individuals have within a community and how these contribute to a thriving, cohesive society.

Max the monkey has been observing the village of Harmony. He noticed that every community relies on different roles to function well. Read the scenarios below and decide which role in the community is best suited to solve the problem. Then, explain the positive impact that person has on the village. Use the word bank to help you complete your responses.

Word bank: cooperation · responsibility · support · infrastructure · well-being · citizenship · volunteer · collaboration

1. A new park bench has been broken, making it difficult for elderly residents to sit and socialise. Who should address this, and why is it important for the community's sense of belonging? (2 marks)

2. The village library needs someone to organize the bookshelves so children can find their favorite stories. Explain why this task is an act of service to the community. (2 marks)

3. A group of residents wants to start a community garden. Justify why working together (collaboration) leads to a better outcome than one person working alone. (2 marks)

4. If someone in the village loses their store's inventory worth £500, how might the concept of community support help them recover? Compare and contrast this with a situation where no one helps. (2 marks)

5. Explain why following community rules, such as keeping public spaces clean, is a form of respect for your neighbors. (2 marks)

6. What might happen to the village of Harmony if residents stopped volunteering their time to help one another? Predict the long-term consequences for the community. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of your ideal community. Include at least four different 'hubs' (like a school, a park, a library, or a garden) and show where different people are working together to make the village a happier place.

Extension challenge: Design a 'Community Charter' for your own neighborhood. Write five promises that you and your friends could make to improve your local area. Consider how your actions affect the physical environment and the emotional well-being of the people living there.