Building Our Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community, shared responsibility, and how individual actions contribute to a harmonious environment.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

In the bustling town of Oakhaven, Leo the lion and his friends decided that the local park needed a fresh start. A community is not just a place where people live; it is a group of individuals who support one another and work towards shared goals. Leo organized a meeting where Kit the fox suggested using computing skills to design a sustainable flower garden, while Zara the zebra planned colorful murals for the park benches. Even the youngest members of the town helped by clearing away litter and planting seeds. They discovered that when everyone contributes their unique skills, the workload becomes lighter and the results are far more impressive. By working together, they transformed a neglected space into a vibrant hub where everyone felt welcome. They learned that a strong community relies on kindness, communication, and the willingness to help a neighbor. Whether it is sharing tools or simply offering a friendly smile, every small action helps to build a sense of belonging. In Oakhaven, they proved that when a group acts with a common purpose, they can create positive change that benefits everyone.

Word bank: community · contribution · cooperation · responsibility · harmony · inclusive

1. Identify two specific tasks that the friends performed to improve the park. (2 marks)

2. According to the text, what is a community? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author mentions that 'the workload becomes lighter' when people work together? (2 marks)

4. How does the author show that the community in Oakhaven is inclusive? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that small actions, like offering a smile, are just as important as big projects? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a community project you would like to start in your own neighborhood. Include at least three different people or animals working together to make a positive change.

Extension challenge: 1. Explain why diversity of skills (like Kit's computing and Zara's art) is essential for a successful community. 2. Compare and contrast the park before and after the friends worked on it. 3. Justify your answer: Is it possible for a community to exist without shared goals? 4. What might happen if one person in the group decided not to help at all? 5. Design a poster for a local community event that encourages people to volunteer their time. 6. Write a short poem about the benefits of working together for the common good.