Building Our Community: Local Connections

Learning objective: To understand how individuals contribute to a community and how shared responsibilities support the well-being of everyone living within it.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of community roles and responsibilities to provide thoughtful answers. Max the monkey is looking for logical solutions, while Leo the lion is interested in how we can support one another.

A community is a group of people living or working together in the same area. It is held together by the roles we play, the support we offer our neighbors, and the ways we look after our shared environment. From the mail carrier delivering letters to the shopkeeper managing local supplies, every action helps the community function smoothly. When we show empathy and cooperate, we create a safe and happy place for everyone to thrive.

Word bank: responsibility · cooperation · diversity · contribution · infrastructure · empathy · volunteer · sustainability

1. Identify two distinct roles within your local community and explain how each role contributes to the well-being of the people living there. (2 marks)

2. Max the monkey has found a problem: the local park is covered in litter. Justify why it is a collective responsibility to keep shared spaces clean rather than leaving it for one person to fix. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the needs of an elderly resident and a young child in a community. How can we support both groups effectively? (2 marks)

4. If a new community center opened in your neighborhood, what might happen if nobody volunteered their time to help run it? Explain the consequences. (2 marks)

5. Explain why diversity is a strength within a community. How do different backgrounds and skills make a neighborhood more vibrant? (2 marks)

6. You have a budget of £50 to improve your school community. Describe what you would buy and how it would encourage people to work together. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of your ideal community. Include at least four different buildings or spaces (such as a library, a garden, or a store) and show where different people are helping each other.

Extension challenge: Design a 'Community Charter' consisting of five promises that every citizen should make to ensure their neighborhood remains a kind, safe, and sustainable place to live. Present these as a formal pledge.