Building Our Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community, individual roles, and collective responsibility in a local setting.

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions. Ensure your responses are written in full sentences where required.

In the vibrant town of Brightwood, the residents understand that a community is more than just a collection of houses; it is a tapestry woven by individual contributions. Nova the owl often observes the town square from her high branch, noting how everyone plays a vital role. When the local park needed a refurbishment, it wasn't just one person who took charge. Instead, the baker, the librarian, and the local school children collaborated to raise £450 for new trees and benches. Max the monkey, who loves solving puzzles, calculated the budget, while others organized a community fete. By working together, they transformed a neglected patch of grass into a thriving hub of activity. This sense of belonging creates a safety net where neighbors look out for one another, ensuring that no one feels isolated. Whether it is volunteering at the food bank or simply picking up litter, every action strengthens the bonds of the community. In Brightwood, people recognize that when they support their neighbors, the entire town flourishes, proving that small acts of kindness ripple outwards to create a resilient and welcoming environment for everyone.

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

1. Identify two specific activities mentioned in the text that helped improve the town of Brightwood. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. How much money did the residents raise for the park refurbishment? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why does the author describe the community as a 'tapestry'? Use evidence from the text to support your inference. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Explain why the author suggests that the park refurbishment helped prevent isolation in the town. (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that small, individual actions are the most important part of a community? Justify your answer using your own ideas and the text. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a 'Community Tapestry' where different people in Brightwood are working together on a project, showing how their different skills fit together like pieces of a puzzle.

Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the challenges of living in a large city versus a small village like Brightwood. What might happen if a community stopped working together? Write a short persuasive paragraph arguing for the importance of 'community spirit' in your own school.