

Communities



Aim

- I can explain what a community is and what it means to belong to one.

Success Criteria

- I can talk about what a community is.
- I can identify who makes a community.
- I can discuss how the actions of people affect the community they are a part of.
- I can think of ways I can make a positive contribution to my community.

What is a community and who makes it what it is?

How can we contribute to our community?



Making a Community



A community is a group of people living or working in the same place.

It is made up of the people who live there or belong to it.

Which different people are a part of our school community? Which different groups are a part of our local community?

Communities are diverse places - there are lots of different people and groups that are a part of them. Diversity helps us to learn and grow as people. It is something to be celebrated, respected and valued.

Making a Community



All people, no matter who they are, where they are from or how they choose to live their life, are equal. No one is more important, more special or more deserving than anyone else. All people have the same human rights and should be able to live a happy, safe, healthy and fulfilling life.

It is all of our responsibility to make sure the rights of people in our communities are met and protected and it is important to know that no one should take away our rights. If this does happen to you or you see it happening to someone else, it is important to tell a trusted adult and get help.



Making a Community



The people of a community make it what it is. Their choices and actions can help make a community a positive place; they can also make it a negative place.

We can choose to respect and embrace differences between us and stand up for equality. We can choose to be kind, helpful, thoughtful and selfless, thinking of the needs of others and not just our own.

Write down your ideas and opinions for these questions.

What choices and actions would help the rights of all people in our communities to be met?

What choices and actions would hinder the rights of all people in our communities being met?

It is important we all make choices which help the communities we are a part of to be happy and successful places.

Community Spirit

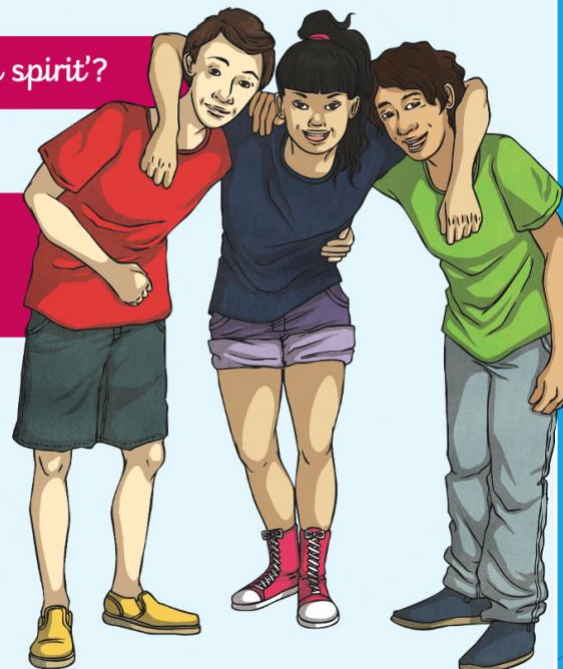


Have you heard of the term 'community spirit'?

What do you think this means?

It means being involved in, and caring about, the community you belong to and the people in it.

It means acting in a way which helps those in your community and wanting to make it a better place for all.



Look at these images of a community, jot down answers to these questions.

What is happening in the picture?

How are the people contributing to their community?

How are the people showing 'community spirit'?



The residents of Kaitiaki are working together to help the community in the TIDE Association's [Disability of Skills](#)



People make the communities to which they belong. We can all make a positive contribution to our communities by making positive and helpful choices and acting in a way which shows community spirit.

Being Part of a Community



What can you see? What has happened? What are the people of the community doing to help?



Making a Positive Contribution

All people can positively contribute to the communities they live and work in, making them a better place for all people and living things within them.

How could you positively contribute to your community?

Take a moment to think about this.

Write it down on your **Community Pledge Slip**.

My Community Pledge

I pledge to positively contribute to my community by _____
