

Your World, My World

Lesson plan 6: Our friends and us

Age group: 4 - 7

Aims:

To explore how friends care for each other.

To help children appreciate fulfilling friendships.

To help children learn about their responsibilities towards others.

What to do:

You will need:

- Photos 5, 10, 12, 17, 22 from the photo gallery (in Power Point);
- enough copies of the **snapshots** (below) so that each pair of pupils has one to share.

Show the photos to the children and explain that each child is doing something with their friend. Ask the children to think about what friends do for each other, apart from playing together. How do they know when someone is a friend? What do they do for their friends? What makes a good friend? You could also talk about what it means to feel excluded from friendships. How can children help others who might be lonely (asking them to join in games, being friendly, talking to them etc.)?

Now ask children to get into pairs, and give each pair a piece of A4 paper folded in half and a snapshot. Keeping the crease at the top, ask the children to write some clues about their child on the front of the paper. Stress that these clues should be positive. Inside children should draw a picture of the child or write their name.

Read out some of the clues to the whole class. Ask children to guess which of the four children is being described. You could now ask children to get into pairs with a friend and, with new sheets of paper, write down clues about each other. Pin all the sheets onto the classroom wall so that everybody can play the guessing game.

Curriculum links:

England	Scotland	Wales
<p>Citizenship/PSHE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To realise that people and other living things have needs and that they have responsibilities to meet them. - That family and friends care for each other. - Taking and sharing responsibilities. <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaking and listening. - Group discussion and interaction. 	<p>Environmental Studies, Social subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People in society - identify some of the ways that family, friends and school meet their needs. - Developing informed attitudes - their role as young citizens; the part they can play in caring for other members of society. <p>PSD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate respect and tolerance towards others. <p>Religious and Moral Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respond to care shown towards them by showing care and concern for others. 	<p>PSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To realise that people and other living things have needs and that they have responsibilities to meet them. - That family and friends care for each other. - Taking and sharing responsibilities. <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaking and listening. - Group discussion and interaction

Snapshot of Cidinha



Cidinha helps her mother break babassu nuts - Photo: Julio Etchart/Oxfam

Name: Cidinha Rodrigues Alves

Age: 7

Address: Ludovico village, northern Brazil

I live with my mum and dad, my brothers Rosenilton, Osmar and Francisco, and my sisters Osailde and Rosanilde. I am the youngest.

My house

My house is made from earth and wood, with palm leaves on the roof. It has small windows which means that it stays lovely and cool in the hottest weather.

Favourite food

Pork and beans and rice. We have it at Christmas and on special days.

Helping at home

I like helping my mum break babassu nuts. We sell the oil from the nuts and it is used to make soap.

Favourite games

We play skipping games and make hoops out of bicycle wheels or tyres. Sometimes we play football or go swimming.

Best friends

Maria and Sueli. They live across the street.

My dreams

When I grow up I want to be a famous singer and dancer.

Other things you might like to know about me

My favourite subject at school is Portuguese. This is the main language in Brazil. At home we grow our own vegetables. I like spring onions and lettuce best.

Snapshot of Shakeel



Shakeel feeding a goat - Photo: Rajendra Shaw/Oxfam

Name: Mohammad Shakeel (called Shakeel)

Age: 7

Address: Hyderabad, India

I live with my mother and father and brother and sister.

My house

My house is in a big city. It is made of stones and earth. My dad built it himself. I like to help him when he's painting the house.

Favourite food

Gosht. This is a meat curry which we eat once a week, usually on Sundays.

Helping at home

My special job is feeding and milking the goats in the morning and evening.

Favourite games

We play cricket, football and marbles. I also like riding my bike.

Best friends

Rahim, Moulana, Ahmed and Suleman.

My dreams

I dream of a brand new bicycle. When I grow up I want to be a teacher.

Other things you might like to know about me

At school I like doing art best.

In the evenings before bed, I like watching TV or listening to stories that my sister reads.

Snapshot of Sasha



Sasha and his brother Vanya collect water from the well - Photo: Sarah Errington/Oxfam

Name: Sasha Oreshkin

Age: 8

Address: Lekarstvennoye village in Siberia, Russia

I live with my mum, stepfather, granny (called Babushka), brother Vanya who is six, and sister Yulya who is two.

My house

My house is made of wood. It has three rooms. There are always a lot of flowers around it in the summer.

Favourite food

Borsch. This is a soup made from potatoes, carrots, beetroot, cabbage and meat.

Helping at home

I fetch water from the well with my brother. I help with the cooking.

Favourite games

I like building houses out of snow. It takes all day. I can also build furniture inside the house from snow.

Best friends

At school my friends are Kolya and Artur. My best friend is my brother Vanya. At home I have a pet cat called Pushok (Fluffy) and a dog called Fil'ka.

My dreams

In my dreams, our house is turned into the Kingdom of Happiness. When I grow up I want to be a lorry driver.

Other things you might like to know about me

At school I like reading best. There are only 14 children in my class.

My cat Pushok always sleeps on my bed - he is my toy and my blanket!

Snapshot of Muluken



Muluken (left) and her sister wash their hands before breakfast - Photo: Rhodri Jones/Oxfam

Name: Muluken Kassa

Age: 7

Address: Gerba Sefer village, Ethiopia

I live with my grandmother, father, and two sisters. My mum lives with us in the school holidays and at weekends. I have two sisters. Esketsenaf is nine and Mekdes is two.

My house

My house has walls made of earth and wood. The roof is made of corrugated iron sheeting. There are trees all around.

Favourite food

Bread and meat. I like mekoreni which is macaroni (pasta).

Helping at home

I fetch clean water from the pump in the village. I collect firewood.

Favourite games

Playing shop and hopscotch.

Best friends

Yemdiralem, a boy, and Tsehayinashi, a girl like me.

My dreams

I would like to see a big town or city. I want to be a teacher like my mother.

Other things you might like to know about me

I live high in the mountains. My favourite place is a high rock where you can see for miles around. I am a Christian and go to church sometimes.

More information about Muluken can be found on Cool Planet for Children at <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/kidsweb/muluken/index.htm>