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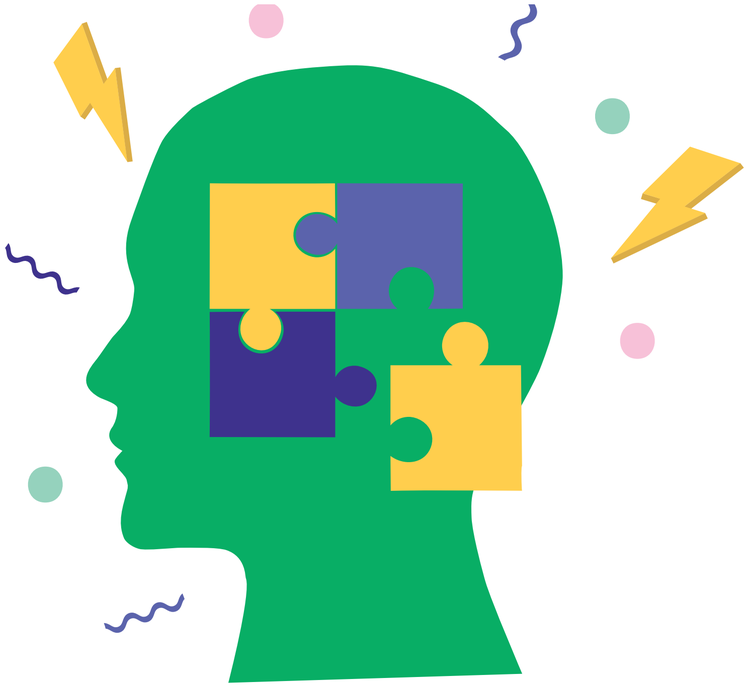
Making Better Happen for Our Community

Working together to make things better!

1st and 2nd Class

Brainstorm

- What does ‘community’ mean?
- What communities are you a part of? (Think about your town, your clubs, places you like to visit)
- What do you like about your communities?
- How could you make things better in your community?
- How does it make you feel to be part of a community?
- Why is it important to be in a community?
- Why is it important to take care of the places in our community (like parks, schools, or shops)?



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- What do postal workers do in your community?
- Have you ever received a letter or a parcel from someone? How has it made you feel?
- What could you do to make your community better?

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Key Words

- **Care:** offering kindness, attention, and responsibility to nurture the well-being, safety, and happiness of others or things in need
- **Nurture:** giving love, care, and attention to help things, people or communities grow and be happy.

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Key Words

- **Community:** a group of people living in a particular area or who have common interests such as the sport they play

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Key Words

- **Sustainable:** taking care of planet Earth so it stays healthy for a long, long time

Key Words

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** ways to be kinder to planet Earth and to make less waste

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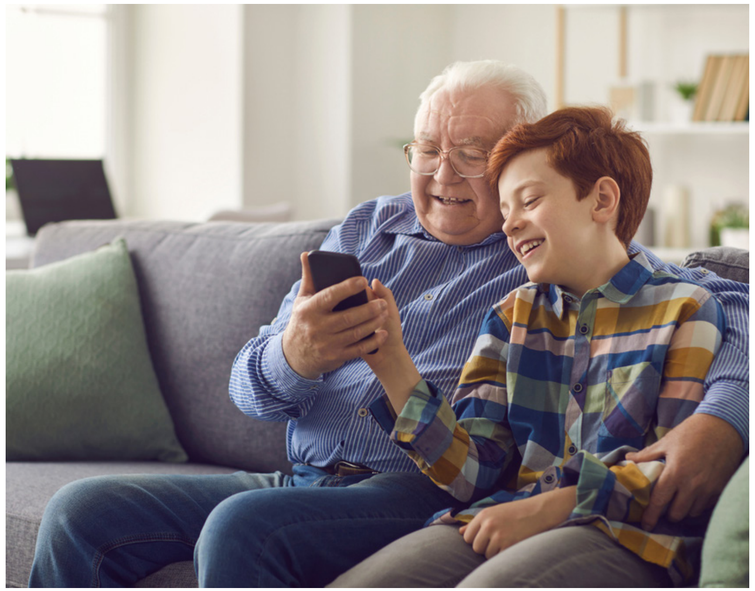
Key Words

- **Biodiversity:** the different plants and animals living in nature

Key Words

- **Diversity:** welcoming and celebrating the unique backgrounds and experiences of each and every person



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Key Words

- **Inclusion:** making sure everyone feels happy and welcome to join in and play/learn together

How can we make our community better?

Sustainability

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Biodiversity

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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Diversity and Inclusion

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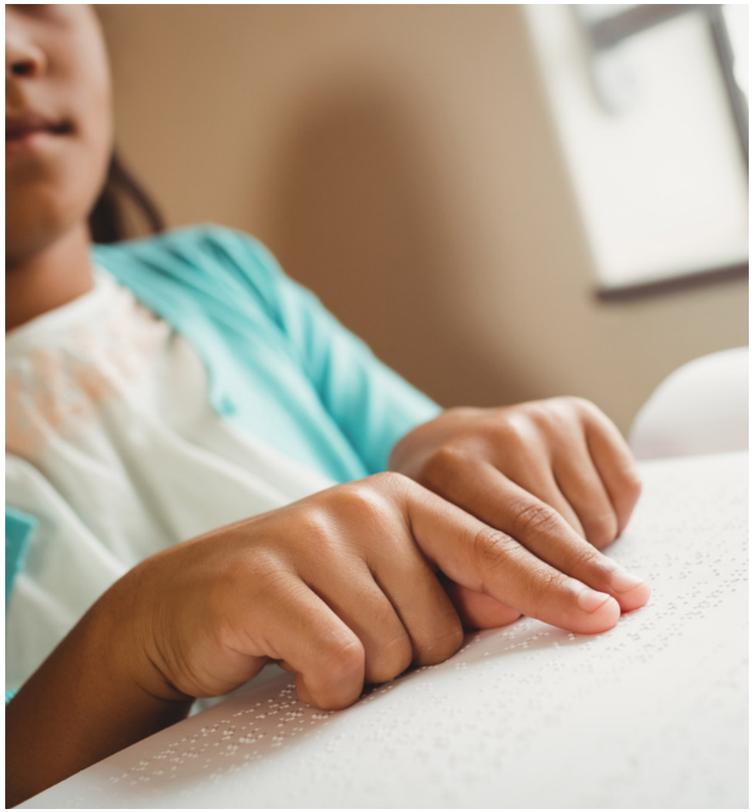
Reading for All



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Sample Letter

25/01/26

Dear 1st and 2nd Class Pupils,

I hope this letter finds you buzzing with energy and ready for a super cool adventure! Today, I'm writing to you about something really important - making our community better and making it an extra special place for everyone!

First things first, have you ever heard of the word "sustainability"? It's all about being friends with nature. It's like a secret handshake with trees and animals! There are loads of ways for us to make more sustainable choices for our communities. For example, recycling is like a magical process where we turn old things into new and amazing stuff! Just imagine, your old plastic bottles could become a super cool backpack or your used paper could turn into a brand-new book. Recycling is like giving our stuff a second chance at being awesome! Have you ever tried this at home?

As well as that, what if I told you that by using less plastic, we could save sea turtles' and whales' lives? Plastic sometimes ends up in our oceans and harms fish and sea creatures. So, how about using reusable water bottles and saying "no thanks" to single-use plastics? Our fishy friends will thank us for it!

Making our communities better is not only about the plants and animals around us, but the people too. What good would a perfect community be if there were no people to enjoy it with us? Our adventure to make our world awesome doesn't stop there! We can make things better in our communities by being kind and including everyone.

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So, me and my friends thought about how we could make our school and neighborhood communities great places for everyone. We decided to start a Book Club in our local youth centre where we read cool stories from all around the world and everyone is welcome! That way, we'll learn about different cultures and make friends with amazing people who might have different experiences than us. How cool is that?

Thanks for reading about my ideas - I'm so excited to hear what you come up with. Maybe you have a super plan to make your school or neighbourhood more friendly and inclusive? Perhaps you've thought of a fun game that teaches everyone about the wonders of recycling? Share your thoughts, and let's build the best communities we can!

Remember, each one of you has the power to make a BIG difference. You could think about ways that you can work with other people on some of these projects. Could you tell your grandparents what you're doing? Maybe your neighbours or friends? Together, we can make things better in our community where everyone feels welcome, people from all walks of life come together, and the air is filled with joy! Get ready for this incredible journey towards a more inclusive and caring community!

Lots of love,

Flora

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Questions

- What ideas does Flora have in her letter?
- Can you think of any more ideas to make our community better?
- What do you think Flora means by saying each of us can make a BIG difference?
- How can you get some of your community involved?

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