

Theme: Harvest

Aim: To reflect on what Harvest is and understand the role of a foodbank within a community and how it can be supported.

Assembly

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PowerPoint Slide Script

Show slide 1. Have the slide displayed while children are coming into assembly. Once the children are all together share some of their thoughts.



Slide 2: Explain to the children that that between September and October many people celebrate Harvest. Encourage children to think about what the word Harvest means, ask for some suggestions before moving on to slide 3 to explain the definition.



Slide 3: Harvest time is all about celebrating the good things the earth supplies. Get the children to suggest some foods from around the world, or ask them about the food they've brought in.



Slide 4: Take any thoughts and ideas that the children have.



Slide 5: Point out that there is enough food to feed twice the world's population.



Slide 6: Encourage children to think of the countries that they associate with food poverty (hunger)



Slide 7: Give children time to think about their answer, ask for their thoughts. Explain to the children that although we have food on the shelves in the shops there are still lots of people in the UK that do not have enough to eat.



Slide 8: Share some of the statistics with the children.



Slide 9: Explain that there are lots of charities and people trying to help those that cannot afford food to eat. Black Country Food bank is one of those, a charity that gives out food parcels to people in need in the Black Country.



Slide 10: Gather the children's ideas and then reveal the core purpose of foodbanks.



Slide 11: Explain that BCFB aims to provide nutritionally balanced food and toiletry parcels to people in difficulty, who are struggling to buy food because of their situation.



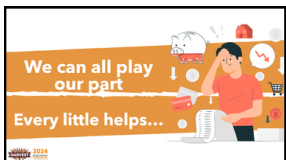
Slide 12: Encourage pupils to think of some of the reasons why people might not be able to afford food and talk about the sort of food that goes into a food parcel.



Slide 13: Share some of the reasons why people need to use foodbanks.



Slide 14: Share some of last years statistics with the children.



Slide 15: Explain that this year our bills will continue to increase and it's going to be hard for many of us. BCFB are expecting to support many more people than normal this winter, providing food and toiletry parcels for those that are struggling to pay the bills and buy food. Although, things are going to be tough, we can all play our part. That might mean turning off lights when we have left the room, wearing a jumper if we feel a little chilly, closing doors behind us to keep the heat in the room. There are lots of ways we can all make a difference. We could also support foodbanks by donating food to help other that are struggling.



Slide 16: Harvest is a really important time of the year for BCFB where they receive donations from schools and churches. However, this year the need for donations is greater than ever! Anything that is donated is really appreciated by foodbanks and makes a huge difference to children and families in the Black Country. If you have supported us in any way - A very Big THANK YOU.