

Home Our Neighbourhood

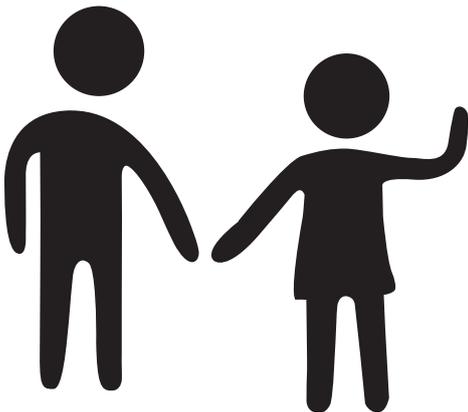
Subjects: Geography, PSHE, English

Age: KS1 and 2 (5-11)

Task: Anna and Teddy's new home is near to your school. Complete the activities to help them settle in and make them feel part of the community.

Anna is only 7 years old, but she and her 9-year-old brother, Teddy, have already moved house more times than they can remember, a few times without any warning. Their family has been living in a bed and breakfast in one room for the past few months.

With the help of the council, they finally moved into their own home today and now know they can stay there for a very long time. The family is relieved to know that now they will not have to keep moving every few months. They finally have somewhere to put down roots.



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Task 1.

Create an information leaflet about your school and local area for Anna and Teddy's family.

- Think about providing information about your school, what lessons and activities do you do. Include information about the playground, the library, computers, dinners, sports and clubs.
- Think about the things they need to know about the local area; provide information on the local shops, doctors surgery, library and church.
- Think about the things they might like to take part in; provide information about play parks and local amenities and clubs they could join.
- Use pictures to make your leaflet more interesting.

Task 2.

Draw a map of your local area to help the family find some of the places you have included in your information leaflet.

- Think about using symbols and including a key like on an OS (Ordnance Survey) map.
- Use either the school or your own home as a starting or central point.

Task 3.

Write a letter to either Anna or Teddy to welcome them to the area.

- Introduce yourself and your family.
- Talk about your neighbourhood and community.
- Explain why you love living in your local area.
- Remember to include your address so they can write back.

Extension:

Use digital mapping software (google.com/help/maps/education/) to explore your local area. Work with a friend and take turns to practice giving and following directions on the map to find different places and landmarks in your local area.

Compare your locality to somewhere else in the United Kingdom. How would you feel about moving there?

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