

Co-operation

This half term we are focussing on the school value of
CO-OPERATION

We hope your family will have fun together.

TALK ABOUT Co-operation TOGETHER...

Co-operation is about working together with others. It is trying to think of others before you think about yourself and working as part of a team.

At home you could talk about how Co-operation is:

*about working together towards a common goal

- being able to encourage and praise other people when they have done something really well or tried very hard

- listening carefully to others and valuing their opinions as much as our own

- working together rather than thinking that we always know what to do and how to do it

**REMEMBER THERE IS NO I IN
TEAM**

Read Together

Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four friends who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their friend Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk.

They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their friend on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now.

Their friend *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole. Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua.

"Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his friends, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2: 1-12

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS
OF WISDOM

He who is not with me is against
me; he who does not gather with
me scatters

Luke 11:23

**What do you think this verse
means?**

Wordsearch



A	W	C	T	E	R	T	L	Y	R	U
F	T	E	A	M	I	O	I	P	E	T
A	S	D	K	R	F	G	S	H	S	O
I	J	K	E	L	E	Z	T	X	P	G
R	C	V	T	R	U	L	E	S	E	E
B	N	M	U	Q	W	E	N	R	C	T
S	H	A	R	E	J	F	U	Z	T	H
Y	U	I	N	F	R	I	E	N	D	E
C	T	H	S	U	P	P	O	R	T	R

How many kindness words can you find?

**TEAM CARE SUPPORT LISTEN TAKE TURNS FUN
SHARE RUKES RESPECT FAIR FRIEND TOGETHER**

Four Friends (a story about co-operation)

Tucked away into the Himalayas the wondrous kingdom of Bhutan has some beautiful stories. This story is about four friends, an elephant, a monkey, a peacock and a rabbit. This is a well-known story all over Bhutan.

In the beginning, the four friends were not friends. They argued about who had the right to a fruit tree, whose delicious fruit was enjoyed by all of them. This argument stopped when a man overruled them and claimed ownership of the fruit tree. The four friends wondered what to do to get the fruit they all loved. They wanted to help each other so they became friends.

"I will plant a seed in the ground," the peacock said.

"I will water it," the rabbit said.

"I will fertilise it," said the monkey.

"I will protect it," said the elephant.

The seed grew and grew until it became a tree. On the tree came the lovely fruit. Now the four friends had a problem. They could see the fruits but they could not reach them. So they made a tower by climbing on each other's backs; first the elephant, then the monkey, the rabbit, and finally the peacock. Through their friendship and cooperation the four were able to share their favorite fruit. In Bhutan's national language, Dzongkha, the story is called Thuenpa puen shi, which means cooperation, relation, four.

Hall of Fame

Think of someone in your school community who works behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly.

Draw his or her portrait in the frame.

Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery



Family Focus



Making a difference

There are some household jobs that no one really enjoys doing?

• Which is the least popular household job? Who normally ends up doing it? Perhaps different members of the family could take it in turns doing this job for a fortnight!

FASCINATING FACTS

The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
 - 26 of the people would be under 15 and just 8 of them over 64
 - half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
 - 82 village people have access to safe drinking water
 - 17 people would not be able to read or write
 - 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
 - there would be 18 cars, 15 computers, 61 mobile phones
- Talk with your family about ...
- What you find surprising about these statistics
 - What we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
 - What you think is unjust
 - What you think could be done to make the world a more just place for everyone

* Taken from 2012 statistics inspired by © If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, 1990.