

Cross Curricular Top Web Text

Red Nose Day is ideal for teaching PSHE and Citizenship but can also be incorporated into many other areas of the curriculum. Here are some ideas:

Numeracy

Use the 'What Makes You Happy?' theme to develop students numeracy skills. Explain positive and negative scales in the context of discussing how access to different wants and needs (school, food/water, family, new toys etc) affects our emotional happiness or unhappiness. You may find the Beyan interactive whiteboard 'happy measuring' resource useful for this.

Literacy

All the African children's stories are great examples of non-fiction texts. You could use these as stimulus material to ask children to write poetry about how they feel finding out about other children's lives. Use the emotion flip card interactive whiteboard resource to develop student's vocabulary on emotions. Or else ask them to write a poem entitled 'What Makes Me Happy'.

Art

You could explore the creative concept of the 'emotional journey of life' to inspire students to express different emotions through art. Ask students to think about how they would represent different emotions (e.g. anger: colour: red, lines: jagged). Ask students to represent either one of the African children's stories or else an emotional journey from their own experience. As an alternative idea you could ask students to represent an emotional journey as a river, with different emotional events being expressed by features such as waterfalls, rock pools and calm straight stretches.

PE

Ask students to show how they would represent different emotions in movement. Each move could be developed into a dance to represent an emotional journey. Or you could play a 'charades-style' game where children act out different emotions and other children have to guess what emotion they are representing.

Music

Use different instruments to represent different emotions. These compositions could be used as background music to telling the African children's stories either in class or in assembly.

Science

The resource bank, 360 degree stories and interactive guides are useful resources for topics on food, sound and living things.

Geography

Use the interactive country guides to learn about the culture and geography of Ethiopia and Malawi. You can download photo and film clips of both countries in the resource bank. These resources help students analyse the similarities and differences between the UK and other countries.