



Problem Solvers

A project about helping others by R/Yr1/Yr2

Overview:

This project was aimed at Key Stage 1 to support the Biology element of the Science curriculum. The children particularly wanted to learn about plants and animals, including looking at human bodies, and there was a strong emphasis on Art and artists. The children were charged with becoming management consultants, creating a company where characters could email their problems to the class who would research possible answers and respond to the enquiry.

Facilitator Reflection:

The children were wonderfully keen to take on the task of helping others. Emails came in at regular intervals from characters such as Percy the Park Keeper, the Lincoln Imp, Bagheera (from the Jungle Book) and Henry the Incredible Book Eating Boy. The children solved their problems enthusiastically and with great imagination, using a wide range of problem solving techniques, learning lots about plants and animals in the process.

Pupil Reflection:

Our company was called Silver Solvers - we really liked being able to help people. We loved getting messages by email—it made us feel very grown up! I enjoyed making a website to advertise us.