



International Day of Peace Activities

Time: 20 mins - 1 hour (depending on the activities you choose)

Overview

These activities look at what peace means around the day's theme of 'Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all.'

Introduction (if needed)

- Ask the whole class, 'when you close your eyes and think of the word peace, or peace, what do you see in your imagination?'
- Get them to write their ideas down, or draw a picture on a post it note and stick them on a board and discuss their ideas.
- Ask the children what synonyms they could think of when thinking of the word peace, e.g. calm, serenity etc...and create a mindmap of them. They can use a thesaurus to help them (it is important that they understand the new word they have come up with.)

Activity 1: Peace Poem

- Using the letters in the word PEACE ask children to work in groups, or work with them to come up with an acrostic poem.

Activity 2: Peace pledge

- Discuss with children what a pledge is, e.g. a promise or a guarantee.
- Ask them what they could pledge for peace. Write the children's ideas onto a mindmap, e.g. I pledge to think about the words I speak etc...
- Write a class or home pledge. Each children could write one or two things and this gets put together as a whole class pledge and displayed around the classroom, school or home.

Activity 3: Images of Peace

- Discuss with the children images of peace, e.g. a dove.
- What other images can they think of which might represent different aspects of peace?
- Using a range of different art materials ask children to create a collage of something that represents peace and being together as a class, e.g. a globe with children on the outside holding hands. This could be made into a display.

Summary

- Ask children to summarise their main points of learning regarding peace and what pledges they could make.

Extension

- Children could create an assembly or song about peace and working together.