

Discuss with your helper -

- Talk about why we should care about others who lack the **essentials**.
- Introduce the word '**philanthropy**'. It is a special word that means giving your **time, talents** and **treasures** for the good of others.
- Ask the children if they would like to be **philanthropists**, and do something to help people in their community get what they need. Discuss ways in which they might help those who lack the essentials. Have they got anything at home that they no longer need, and could give away? Could they spare a few coins from their piggy bank? How could they help people who are hungry (e.g. by contributing to a food bank)?

Choose from the superhero activity or interview members of your family using the sheet provided.

Philo the Philanthropist

Talk to the children in your class about Superman and other superheroes.

- Why are superheroes fun to read about and watch?
- How are they different from us?

Ask them to create a new superhero, called Philo the Philanthropist, who they can become.

- What will their costume look like?
- What will Philo eat (healthy energising foods)?
- Where will s/he live?
- What superpower or powers will s/he have to help him/her improve their community?
- How did s/he discover that they had the power to make a difference?
- What did they change?

Ask the children to develop a combination of a story and comic strip on the sheet with empty frames below. The first frames should reveal how Philo noticed that something needed changing.

Do the children know of any person in their family or community that may not be a superhero but a 'real life hero' in their own way?

- What characteristics make a real-life family/community hero?
- How can we copy the qualities of real life heroes?

Use this sheet for your comic strip.

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Community Matters

Your Name:.....

1. How long have you lived in this neighbourhood?
2. What are your favourite parts of your neighbourhood (eg park, shopping centre, football ground)
3. What would you like to change in your neighbourhood?
4. Why?
5. How do you think we could improve our neighbourhood?
6. Do you know of any organisations that are working to improve these things?
7. If you had £1,000 to help the community, how would you use it?

Interviewed by:

Community Survey - Use this sheet to interview people in your family. Once you have interviewed everyone, consider all the ideas and write some sentences about what you think we should do to improve the local community.