



TEACHERS' NOTES

INTRODUCTION TO THE 'FANTASTIC YOU!' RESOURCES

Dear Colleague,

FANTASTIC MR FOX brings you FANTASTIC YOU!

What are the benefits of the project?

FANTASTIC YOU! is a fun and engaging way to teach young children the importance of valuing their own attributes and those of people around them. There are a variety of activities to suit all learning styles, covering a range of SEAL learning objectives.

Through the eyes of the film's characters, which convey determination and friendship, children can learn to appreciate individuality and teamwork. Classes are invited to embark on a project that will help them to understand the role that, as individuals, they play in their own lives.

As the primary school day is already jam packed with objectives to cover you may be wondering when you will find the time to fit in another project. **FANTASTIC YOU!** has been designed to enable you to teach PSHE creatively to SEAL objectives.

Qualified teachers have carefully selected related objectives and resources are available for you to download, supporting positive learning. The cross-curricular links have been made for you, along with a range of ready-made resources to suit all learners. Plus, the detailed lesson plans mean you will need minimum preparation!

What resources are included?

All the resources have been designed to share with your class on the Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) in the classroom and also with parents at home. They cover important objectives from the Every Child Matters document. Central to the resources is Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox', where children can watch sections of the film. If your school library has a copy of the book you could also use this to read chapters aloud to the class. Additionally, children can earn certificates (Resource 1), which all revolve around achievements and goals that make them feel fantastic. These can be used in circle times, drama and role-play and alongside SEAL.

Detailed lesson plans include a starter and plenary, with cross-curricular links that allow you to teach literacy and PSHE. Importantly, the lessons also make use of visual literacy and drama that will engage all children, including SEN and EAL learners. There is a set of three ready-to-use lessons, which aim to bring teamwork and self-appreciation into the classroom, not simply learn the skills in a one-off lesson.

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Worksheets are tailored to each lesson plan and can be photocopied to use in class. They aim to teach Good to be Me (SEAL) through your everyday learning objectives in your classroom. Extensions are also included so that all learners can be catered for. Valuing themselves and others is implicit and reinforced throughout.

Homework, including web links, encourages parents to get involved in their child's learning. The lesson plans also allow and encourage collaborative work. As well as encouraging families to work together, they create further opportunities for class projects. The **FANTASTIC YOU!** posters (Resource 2) are where children can describe their own positive attributes and will create a fantastic display! There are also fabulous cut-out mask templates (Resource 3). Perhaps these could be used as the starting point for a class assembly? No need to think about a theme for your next performance!

All of this culminates in an exciting competition (Resource 4), where children have the opportunity to design their own maze (See lesson 3 for details). The winner will receive free tickets to see **THE FANTASTIC MR FOX** at participating cinemas. Details of this can be found on the competition leaflet and supporting teacher's notes.

And last, but by no means least are the **FANTASTIC YOU!** cards. (Resource 5) These are very simple to download and print, providing the perfect instant reward! You can make them extra special by backing them onto card and laminating them. Or you could create badges using the colourful templates. Your children will love taking them home with their personalised comment to show their "fantastic family". No chance for children to forget why they've earned their praise!

This really does encourage children to explore their own reasons for valuing themselves and others around them. And, what's more, it requires no preparation, fits in to your everyday lessons and could enhance your National Film Week!

So go on...**be fantastic** and have fun!



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