English and Literacy
About the Global Citizenship in Literacy Lesson plans

This series of lessons shows how issues of Global Citizenship can be incorporated into Literacy. Good-quality texts have been chosen to provide thought-provoking material that will generate interest and discussion. The lessons have been written to develop understanding and awareness of Global Citizenship issues while also providing progression in Literacy skills.

For those teachers following the Literacy Strategy, the lessons are designed to fit in with Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. The objectives covered in the Literacy Strategy are highlighted at the beginning of each series of lessons. The lessons are equally suitable for English/Literacy lessons in Scotland and Wales.

Emphasis has been given to comprehension and composition (text-level work), with grammar and punctuation (sentence-level work) and spelling and vocabulary (word-level work) being incorporated where the links are appropriate. It is anticipated that other aspects of sentence-level and word-level work will be covered separately. The materials lend themselves well to the development of speaking and listening skills.

The work has been differentiated, but teachers may need to extend this further to suit the needs of the pupils.

The length of each series of lessons is flexible. There is much scope for extending them further, to allow deeper discussions of the issues. Ways of investigating the issues further include circle time activities, assembly preparation and presentation, and role play.

The worksheets at the end of each series of lessons, to be used as whole-class texts, can be photocopied for use on an overhead projector or enlarged on a photocopier from A4 to A3 for the class to read.