



1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-primary-ks1-ks2-boris-and-the-giant-turnip/z3hpm39>

Play your chosen music. Display the image of everyone pulling if you wish:

http://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/schoolradio/assemblies/images/the_giant_turnip.jpg

2. Introduction

Begin by placing the two treats a suitable distance apart. Then select the two children to take part in the hoop demonstration. Face them away from each other and tell them to try to get 'their' treat. Be ready to keep control but also to suggest working together if necessary. Then:

We're going to share a story together now. It's a very old story that many of you will have heard before. It comes from the country of Russia - a long way from here - but it's a story that is also told all over the world...

3. Play the video

Click on the 'Play video' button to load the video page. The video should play automatically. Display the video full-size using the toolbar buttons. The duration is 5' 29". The final words are: '...hungry this winter - not even the mice'.

4 & 5. Time to talk

Ask the children to sit quietly and think about what they've seen and heard - and which part of the story they think was the most important for them to remember. Use the story questions to help them recall the events of the story: 1. Why is the harvest failing on Boris's farm? 2. What happens when Boris tries to pull up the giant turnip? 3. What does Boris say when Katya offers to help him? 4. Can you name all the people and animals that help Boris? 5. What does the mouse say? 6. Why does Boris say he has been 'a fool'?

6. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song. The suggestion from a BBC collection is 'Together' - song 13 in the collection 'All about our school'.

Play video



7. Opportunity to reflect

We've been thinking today about the story of Boris and the Giant Turnip... I wonder why people still tell this story after all these years..? I wonder what we can learn from this story...about asking for help when we need it...about working together..? I wonder if you've got something big that you need help with..? I wonder who you might ask..? Mouse said 'Alone we are weak, but together we are strong!' We all need each other, in our homes, in our families and especially here in our own school community.'

8. Opportunity for prayer

I'm going to pray now: if you'd like to make the prayer your own, then join in with 'Amen' at the end.

Dear God

It is good to be reminded what can change when we work together with others. When we face a challenge, help us to know when to ask for help...and who to turn to.

Amen.