

**Theme: Harvest****Aim: To reflect on what Harvest is and understand the role of a foodbank within a community and how it can be supported.****Materials/preparation****Assembly Presentation Resources - PowerPoint (online) and accompanying notes**

Show slide 1. Have the slide displayed while children are coming into assembly. Once the children are all together share some of their thoughts.

Show slide 2. Look at the jumbled letters on the PowerPoint. Ask children to rearrange them to make a word? HARVEST

Show slide 3 HARVEST is a clever word, we can make lots of others from. Can anyone work out a word from these letters that describes where we all live?

Show slide 4 EARTH

Show slide 5 Harvest time is all about celebrating all the good things the earth supplies. Get the children to suggest some foods from around the world, or ask them about the food they've brought in. Point out that there is enough food to feed twice the world's population. BUT, we don't all have enough!

Show slide 6 Can the children work out another word from the letters to describe when people don't have enough food?

Show slide 7 STARVE

Show slide 8 Encourage children to think of the countries that they associate with food poverty (hunger)

Show slide 9 Explain to the children that although we have food on the shelves in the shops there are still lots of people in the UK that do not have enough to eat.

Show slide 10 To help people who can't afford to buy enough food, foodbanks like BCFB are set up.

Show slide 11 Ask children if they know what a foodbank is and what it does. Explain that BCFB aims to provide nutritionally balanced food and toiletry parcels to people in difficulty, who are struggling to buy food because of their situation.

Show slide 12 Encourage pupils to think of some of the reasons why people might not be able to afford food and talk about the sort of food that goes into a food parcel.

Show slide 13 Share some of the reasons why people need to sue foodbanks.

Show slide 14 Explain that this year all of our bills are going up and it's going to be hard for many of us. BCFB are expecting to support many more people than normal this winter, providing food and toiletry parcels for those that are struggling to pay the bills and buy food.

Show slide 15 Although things are going to be tough, we can all play our part. That might mean turning off lights when we have left the room, wearing a jumper if we feel a little chilly, closing doors behind us to keep the heat in the room. There are lots of ways we can all make a difference. We could also support foodbanks by donating food to help other that are struggling.

Show slide 16 Harvest is a really important time of the year for BCFB where they receive donations from schools and churches. However, this year the need for donations is greater than ever! Anything that is donated is really appreciated by foodbank and makes a huge difference to children and families in the Black Country. If you have supported us in any way - A very Big THANK YOU.