

TRAVELLERS TIMES



ROADS FROM THE PAST

ASSEMBLY SCRIPT

01

POWER POINT SLIDE 1

(Holding image)

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If you had to reduce your belongings to a few bags, what would you take? Think about what is most valuable to you and what you would need. *(Ask for responses)*

Can anyone tell me what the word 'nomad' means? *(Ask for responses)*

Answer: It's someone who moves from place to place rather than living in one place all of the time. Nomads don't see themselves as attached to a specific piece of land.

Did you know that being settled and living in one place is actually a recent development? For 99% of our history, humans were nomadic. Up until around 10,000 years ago, our ancestors moved around in large family groups, moving with their food supplies and available resources. This was a survival strategy and people only owned what they could easily transport.

When farming became commonplace, most people started to establish permanent settlements. However, not everyone settled down. We are going to watch a short film that explains the history of Travellers and their culture.

02

POWER POINT SLIDE 2

(Show Film)

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As the narrator said in the film, however they live, Travellers take their language, culture and memories with them. Traveller culture is an important part of our country's culture and we need to protect it and celebrate it. Travellers should be able to be proud of their roots and their heritage.

In the UK, we live in a diverse, multicultural society and that society includes Travellers. The law states that Travellers must be treated equally but this does not always happen. Travellers sometimes suffer discrimination, both at school and in the wider community. What does discrimination mean?

(Ask for responses)

Answer: It means unjust treatment of a certain group of people.

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These two girls are at secondary school and they are Travellers

“I’m a Traveller and I look just like you. I find it really hard to make friends. They don’t get me. My family is different to theirs. My life at school is very quiet. I don’t talk to people unless they talk to me first. I feel I can’t be me at school in case you don’t accept me. I do my best but it’s scary. You shouldn’t judge a book by its cover.”
“It’s not our fault how we are born or raised. It’s upsets me because I don’t want people to think I’m different. I want to make friends who accept me for who I am.”

How do you think Jade and Ashleigh feel about school? *(Ask for responses)*

Equality is about treating everyone fairly, and with respect and consideration. Many Travellers pupils are reluctant to say that they are Travellers because they are scared of discrimination.

Jo Cox was an MP who believed that we could have a world that was fairer, kinder and more tolerant. Unfortunately, Jo died in 2016. Here is a quote from Jo: “we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than that which divides us.”

Jo Cox felt that we shouldn’t let our differences divide us.

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To end our assembly, I would like you to take a moment to reflect on this quote from Ashleigh:

“We all have different upbringings and cultures but we are all human.”

Travellers need to feel that they are just as welcome in our society as anyone else. It's within your power to help make this happen.

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