

Discussion starters and warm up activities

Thinking about transition (individual work and group discussion)



Ask each pupil to create a character using the game on the Moving Up homepage.

Going round the class, ask each pupil to describe their character.

- Why did they choose certain colours or movements?
- What is their character's name? Why did they choose it?
- How do they feel about leaving primary school?

What will I miss? (Class discussion)

Talk to the class about their positive memories of primary school:

- Do they remember their first day at this primary school? How did they feel?
- What was their favourite school trip?
- Who have been their favourite teachers?

What am I looking forward to?
(Group discussion)

Split the class into groups of between 4 and 6. Ask them to discuss the things they might be looking forward to about secondary school. You could suggest the following if they are unsure:

- After school clubs and activities and sports teams to join
- New lessons like Chemistry, Design Technology or Food Technology, Art or Sports
- Making new friends
- Trips abroad
- Growing up and having more responsibility

What am I good at?
(Talking in pairs)

Each person has their own qualities which make them unique. Everyone is good at something, whether it be making their friends laugh, excellent mental maths, brilliant spelling, super drawing skills or being helpful and kind.

Ask pupils to work in pairs. Each pupil should take it in turns to tell their partner one special skill (e.g. brilliant at maths) and one attribute (e.g. a great listener) they think their partner has.

You could also ask the class to discuss which new skills they would like to gain at