



Wednesday: Grandparents: Watching over our common home

Note: Teachers should use their own discretion in the use of the activities below. Teachers should take into consideration the individual circumstances of each child in the class as grandparents may no longer be living, some may be abroad or some children may have little or no contact with grandparents.

All classes can engage with the following activities at different levels. Choose an activity to suit your class.

Activities

Our grandparents are a special gift in our lives. They watch over us as we grow and are often some of the most important teachers in our lives. They teach us about our common home, which they have been watching over and caring for long before we were here to help! They have seen and experienced many changes in our world, both good and bad.

- Draw a picture of a grandparent or great-grandparent using the frame on *page 2*. Write their name on the dotted line below the picture. Discuss the words that the children think best describe their grandparents. Make a note of the words and stick them around the portraits.
- Give each child a copy of 'A Poem for Grandparents' on *page 3*. Explore the poem with your class and instruct each child to decorate their copy as a gift for their grandparents.
- Create a list of ten things we have learned from our grandparents. Our grandparents are often some of our most important teachers. (This could be done as a whole class or as an individual activity for each child on the template on *page 4*.)
- Invite a grandparent into the classroom. Prepare with the children a list of questions comparing life now to life when our grandparents were young. Prepare questions under the headings on *page 5* and pupils can record what they have learned here afterwards. Alternatively, give each child a copy of the template on *page 5* and ask them to discuss with their grandparents how our common home has changed in their lifetime under each heading.





My grandparent watches over me!



A POEM FOR GRANDPARENTS!

My Grandparents are so special to me,
They teach me about all I do and see.
They don't mind answering my questions 'Why?'
They pick me up and carry me high.

Grandparents take the time to teach,
And let me see things above my reach.
They teach me things I need to know,
So I can learn and I can grow.

They teach me all about the past,
About our home and how time moves fast.
They teach me how to care and love,
How to thank Our Lord above!





Ten things my grandparents have taught me ...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

**They teach me all about the world,
About our home, what's old, what's new!**





How to care and how to love,
How to thank God above!

Interview with a grandparent!

Categories	Our world in the past ...	Our world now ...
Technology		
Transport		
School		
Holidays		
Games and Toys		
Caring for our planet		

