



## The Jigsaw Approach

### Introduction

Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE, brings together Personal, Social, Health Education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning. A lesson a week with the teaching resources included, helps teachers to focus on tailoring the lessons to their children's needs and to enjoy building the relationship with their class, getting to know them better as unique human beings.

Teaching strategies are varied and are mindful of preferred learning styles and the need for differentiation. Jigsaw is designed as a whole school approach, with all year groups working on the same theme (Puzzle) at the same time. This enables each Puzzle to start with an introductory assembly, generating a whole school focus for adults and children alike.

Other Jigsaw Programmes can be added once this universal curriculum is established e.g.

The Jigsaw Families Programme

The Jigsaw Resilience and Engagement Scale and Toolkit (R.E.S.T.)

We also have the Jigsaw 11-16 Secondary PSHE Programme to ensure progression from age 3-16.

## A Programme for all schools

Originating in England, and now serving children in many countries, Jigsaw works because its focus is children and their development, universal need in many contexts. This second edition of Jigsaw 3-11 has been mindful of International Schools, different curriculum requirements etc, hence it being a stand-alone Programme.

### Mindfulness

How would children and their learning benefit if they could be aware of their thoughts and feelings as they happen, in the present moment, on purpose with no judgement?

This is what mindfulness means.

How could being mindful help to address the emotional health and behaviour issues so often acting as barriers to learning?

Mindfulness:

- to be aware of your thoughts and feelings as they arise
- to be able to focus your mind on what you choose to focus it on both outside of you and within you.

Thoughts and feelings motivate and determine actions/responses/behaviours. If we are caught up in thoughts and feelings and are not aware of them as they happen, the responses that follow may not be under our control, and may not be in our best interest or appropriate in the situation.

If a child can be aware of their thoughts and feelings as they arise and have been taught and practised how to use interventions e.g. breathing (Calm Me) techniques, they can choose to regulate/ manage their thoughts and feelings by using these interventions. They can effectively press the 'pause' button and consider whether to allow that chain of thoughts to continue or to change its direction, thus potentially choosing the response, action/ behaviour that will be motivated by it.

If thoughts and feelings are left unchecked they will lead to responses/actions/behaviours (e.g. fight/flight/freeze responses), and some of these may not be conducive to learning either for the child or their classmates.

If I can see my thoughts as they arise and intervene, I can press the 'pause' button and consider my response.

Mindful children can more readily choose their responses to situations rather than react while caught up in the thought-flows and emotions, saving behaviour issues from happening, helping concentration and lessening stress and anxiety.

## Jigsaw PSHE 3 -11/12 Content Overview



Age Group	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
<b>Ages 3-5 (F1-F2)</b>	Self-identity Understanding feelings Being in a classroom Being gentle Rights and responsibilities	Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	Challenges Perseverance Goal-setting Overcoming obstacles Seeking help Jobs Achieving goals	Exercising bodies Physical activity Healthy food Sleep Keeping clean Safety	Family life Friendships Breaking friendships Falling out Dealing with bullying Being a good friend	Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations
<b>Ages 5-6</b>	Feeling special and safe Being part of a class Rights and responsibilities Rewards and feeling proud Consequences Owning the Learning Charter	Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone	Setting goals Identifying successes and achievements Learning styles Working well and celebrating achievement with a partner Tackling new challenges Identifying and overcoming obstacles Feelings of success	Keeping myself healthy Healthier lifestyle choices Keeping clean Being safe Medicine safety/safety with household items Road safety Linking health and happiness	Belonging to a family Making friends/being a good friend Physical contact preferences People who help us Qualities as a friend and person Self-acknowledgement Being a good friend to myself Celebrating special relationships	Life cycles – animal and human Changes in me Changes since being a baby Differences between female and male bodies (correct terminology) Linking growing and learning Coping with change Transition
<b>Ages 6-7</b>	Hopes and fears for the year Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Safe and fair learning environment Valuing contributions Choices Recognising feelings	Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others Making new friends Gender diversity Celebrating difference and remaining friends	Achieving realistic goals Perseverance Learning strengths Learning with others Group co-operation Contributing to and sharing success	Motivation Healthier choices Relaxation Healthy eating and nutrition Healthier snacks and sharing food	Different types of family Physical contact boundaries Friendship and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Expressing appreciation for special relationships	Life cycles in nature Growing from young to old Increasing independence Differences in female and male bodies (correct terminology) Assertiveness Preparing for transition
<b>Ages 7-8</b>	Setting personal goals Self-identity and worth Positivity in challenges Rules, rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Responsible choices Seeing things from others' perspectives	Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful Giving and receiving compliments	Difficult challenges and achieving success Dreams and ambitions New challenges Motivation and enthusiasm Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles Evaluating learning processes Managing feelings Simple budgeting	Exercise Fitness challenges Food labelling and healthy swaps Attitudes towards drugs Keeping safe and why it's important online and off line scenarios Respect for myself and others Healthy and safe choices	Family roles and responsibilities Friendship and negotiation Keeping safe online and who to go to for help Being a global citizen Being aware of how my choices affect others Awareness of how other children have different lives Expressing appreciation for family and friends	How babies grow Understanding a baby's needs Outside body changes Inside body changes Family stereotypes Challenging my ideas Preparing for transition

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<b>Ages 8-9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being part of a class team</li> <li>Being a school citizen</li> <li>Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council)</li> <li>Rewards and consequences</li> <li>Group decision-making</li> <li>Having a voice</li> <li>What motivates behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging assumptions</li> <li>Judging by appearance</li> <li>Accepting self and others</li> <li>Understanding influences</li> <li>Understanding bullying</li> <li>Problem-solving</li> <li>Identifying how special and unique everyone is</li> <li>First impressions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hopes and dreams</li> <li>Overcoming disappointment</li> <li>Creating new, realistic dreams</li> <li>Achieving goals</li> <li>Working in a group</li> <li>Celebrating contributions</li> <li>Resilience</li> <li>Positive attitudes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthier friendships</li> <li>Group dynamics</li> <li>Smoking</li> <li>Alcohol</li> <li>Assertiveness</li> <li>Peer pressure</li> <li>Celebrating inner strength</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jealousy</li> <li>Love and loss</li> <li>Memories of loved ones</li> <li>Getting on and Falling Out</li> <li>Girlfriends and boyfriends</li> <li>Showing appreciation to people and animals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being unique</li> <li>Having a baby</li> <li>Girls and puberty</li> <li>Confidence in change</li> <li>Accepting change</li> <li>Preparing for transition</li> <li>Environmental change</li> </ul>
<b>Ages 9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning the forthcoming year</li> <li>Being a citizen</li> <li>Rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Rewards and consequences</li> <li>How behaviour affects groups</li> <li>Democracy, having a voice, participating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict</li> <li>Racism</li> <li>Rumours and name-calling</li> <li>Types of bullying</li> <li>Material wealth and happiness</li> <li>Enjoying and respecting other cultures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future dreams</li> <li>The importance of money</li> <li>Jobs and careers</li> <li>Dream job and how to get there</li> <li>Goals in different cultures</li> <li>Supporting others (charity)</li> <li>Motivation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking, including vaping</li> <li>Alcohol</li> <li>Alcohol and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>Emergency aid</li> <li>Body image</li> <li>Relationships with food</li> <li>Healthy choices</li> <li>Motivation and behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-recognition and self-worth</li> <li>Building self-esteem</li> <li>Safer online communities</li> <li>Rights and responsibilities online</li> <li>Online gaming and gambling</li> <li>Reducing screen time</li> <li>Dangers of online grooming</li> <li>SMARTT internet safety rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self- and body image</li> <li>Influence of online and media on body image</li> <li>Puberty for girls</li> <li>Puberty for boys</li> <li>Conception (including IVF)</li> <li>Growing responsibility</li> <li>Coping with change</li> <li>Preparing for transition</li> </ul>
<b>Ages 10-11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying goals for the year</li> <li>Global citizenship</li> <li>Children's universal rights</li> <li>Feeling welcome and valued</li> <li>Choices, consequences and rewards</li> <li>Group dynamics</li> <li>Democracy, having a voice</li> <li>Anti-social behaviour</li> <li>Role-modelling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perceptions of normality</li> <li>Understanding disability</li> <li>Power struggles</li> <li>Understanding bullying</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion</li> <li>Differences as conflict, difference as celebration</li> <li>Empathy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal learning goals, in and out of school</li> <li>Success criteria</li> <li>Emotions in success</li> <li>Making a difference in the world</li> <li>Motivation</li> <li>Recognizing achievements</li> <li>Compliments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking personal responsibility</li> <li>How substances affect the body</li> <li>Exploitation, including 'county lines' and gang culture</li> <li>Emotional and mental health</li> <li>Managing stress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental health</li> <li>Identifying mental health worries and sources of support</li> <li>Love and loss</li> <li>Managing feelings</li> <li>Power and control</li> <li>Assertiveness</li> <li>Technology safety</li> <li>Take responsibility with technology use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-image</li> <li>Body image</li> <li>Puberty and feelings</li> <li>Conception to birth</li> <li>Reflections about change</li> <li>Physical attraction</li> <li>Respect and consent</li> <li>Boyfriends/girlfriends</li> <li>Sexting</li> <li>Transition</li> </ul>