

The Census 21st March 2021

Can you create a Census Day in school as part of your Recovery Curriculum?

What Statistics objectives could you cover as part of a census day?

Give children a brief insight to what the Census is and what it is used for using notes below and then think about why it may be useful to have a School Census/Class Census.

Pose questions similar to those below to the children

What information would it be good for your Headteacher to know about the school in order to plan effectively for the Summer Term? Next academic year?

What books do you all like? What are your favourite school meals or snacks? How well do you think your school library caters for your favourite type of books? What are your favourite subjects? What extra-curricular clubs do you like?

Can children produce graphs, charts and a summary of their findings to present to your headteacher in order to support the Whole School Development Planning for the Summer Term/Next Academic Year?

Information taken from <https://census.gov.uk>

What is the census?

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021. Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare.

The last census

The last census took place in 2011. Many people and organisations used information from the 2011 Census in a variety of ways. For example, Bristol City Council used it to inform decisions on how to fund local housing improvements. It was also essential for the charity Redbridge Council for Voluntary Services to help people from ethnic minority groups learn more about dementia.

Why should we take part?

Taking part in the census is your chance to help make sure you and your community get the services you need for the next 10 years and beyond. The census helps show what we need. The information you give in the census helps provide the best picture of the needs of everyone in England and Wales.

Organisations such as local authorities and charities use this picture to plan and fund the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it'd be much more difficult to do this.