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Y4: Harmful	Learning objective:	Key vocabulary:
substances	 Identify substances which are harmful to our bodies. 	Necessary, unnecessary, substances, category
L1 - What are harmful		classify, drug, legal, illegal
substances?		Key virtues:
		Critical thinking, confidence, integrity
Resources:	Statutory links:	
	Health Education (2020)	
PowerPoint	Pupils should know: - The facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-	
Different substances	taking.	
(resource 1)		
Key questions:	Learning activities:	
What substances are	Starter: What do we put into our bodies?	
necessary for our bodies		
o function well? We put lots of things into our bodies. Some of them are good for us, some are good for in limited quantities and		s, some are good for in limited quantities and some are
What substances are	harmful for us.	
unhealthy for us? Show children the pictures and ask them to classify them int		ps showing which ones we should have:
difficallity for do:		F
What is the difference	- Unlimited amounts/lots of.	
between unhealthy and	- Limited amounts.	
dangerous?	- None.	
	Ask children to justify and explain their choices (e.g. why shouldn't	we have unlimited amounts of cheese?) Ask children to
What do you already	add another example to each category.	The flave drillimited difficulties of choose. J. 7 ok official to
know about alcohol,	add direction example to edem edtegery.	
drugs and cigarettes?		
Mhat would you like to	Activity 1: KWL grid	
What would you like to know?		
KIIUW!	Explain that we are going to be looking at substances which are harmful for our bodies (specifically alcohol, drugs and	
Where can we get	cigarettes).	
information about	Ack shildren to complete a I/A/I grid to show what they be say and	what they would like to know. There is an every lair the
harmful substances?	Ask children to complete a KWL grid to show what they know and what they would like to know. There is an example in the PowerPoint.	
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How do we know if this information is accurate?

Use the questions generated to tailor planning to answer them.

What does the law say about cigarettes, drugs and alcohol?

Activity 2: Sources of information

Where can we get information from about alcohol, drugs and cigarettes? How do we know that the information we get is accurate? What intellectual virtues do we need to use when we are looking for information?

Draw up a class brainstorm of different sources of accurate information e.g. NHS website, doctors, Childline.

Plenary: The law

What does the law say?

Ask students if they know the laws regarding cigarettes, alcohol and drugs?

Go through the laws.

There is a summary of legislation and a consolidation activity (is it legal? or is it harmful?) here: https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/uk-life/be-safe-uk/drugs-alcohol-and-cigarettes [accessed 27.05.2020]

