Year 5 Floods, Storms and Bushfires

Lesson 4

Introduction	Floods, Storms and Bushfires – A Cross-Curricular Unit of Work
	In the previous lesson, we looked at how to stay safe in a flood, and created a spreadsheet with data on bushfires, floods and storms in our local state.
	In this lesson, we will investigate the after effects of a flood, and the people and organisations involved in disaster management.
	WALT – identify the after effects of a flood and who assists with the clean-up. WILF – research skills, sharing viewpoints, contributing to class discussions, answering questions and creating a mind map. TIB- Australia has natural disasters that can impact us, and others.
Warm	1. Ask students to create a mind map in their books with the words 'The after
Up/Main	effects of a flood' in the centre.
lesson	2. Students record what they think the after-effects of a flood are.
(10 mins)	For example:
	roads washed away, loss of animals, trees uprooted, schools losing
	resources, power loss, mud, mould, unclean water, potential for disease
	3. Students share mind maps with the class.
	4. Display the following link on the whiteboard and read through each area
Main lesson	with them: Poster: Preparing for Floods and Poster: Preparing for Storms 1. Show students photos of flooded areas, and ask them who would help with
(40 mins)	Show students photos of flooded areas, and ask them who would help with the clean-up. E.g. community, SES, firefighters
(40 1111115)	Write student responses on the board.
	Using this information, ask students to add this to their mind map.
	E.g. flood-road washed away-council-machinery-man power, stones, cement
	or mud in shops-owners-workers-community-volunteers-mops-brooms,
	extending each section.
	3. Pose the following questions, and ask students to record their answers in their workbooks.
	'What is your role in the after-effects of a flood?' E.g. raise money, donate towels, get involved in the clean-up.
	'Who could you contact to report any dangers occurring from a flood?'
	E.g. power lines down, animals needing rescuing, people stranded
	4. Before students write their answers, have a class brainstorming session.
	5. Remind students to use the correct structure when answering questions,
	e.g. 'I think my role in the after-effects of a flood, could be to' or
	'If I saw a power line down after a flood, I would contact'
Review	Choose students to share their work.
(10 mins)	Collect work and correct.
Differentiation	Take anecdotal records on class participation.
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	Create a poster to raise money for victims of floods.
Resources	Poster: Preparing for Floods
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	Computers, laptops, iPads.
	Student books
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	Images for natural disasters
	Images of after affects from floods.
	Books on natural disasters in Australia.
ACARA	Humanities and Social Sciences
Content	The impact of bushfires or floods on environments and communities, and how
Descriptions	people can respond (ACHASSK114)
	Locate and collect relevant information and data from primary and secondary
	sources (ACHASSI095, ACHASSI123)
	Clarify understanding of content as it unfolds in formal and informal situations,
	connecting ideas to students' own experiences and present and justify a point of
	view (ACELY1699)



