

What is Make £5 Grow?

Virgin Money's enterprise programme, Make £5 Grow, has run in almost 500 schools. It gives pupils aged 9-11 the real life experience of starting a small business.

It provides real context for literacy and numeracy, builds speaking and listening skills and offers relevant presentation opportunities. It also develops teamwork and problem solving skills, financial and risk awareness and an enterprising spirit, so it's ideal for the PSHE part of the curriculum.

How the programme works

Make £5 Grow is a completely free programme aimed at children aged 9-11, although younger and older pupils can take part too.

Virgin Money provides lesson plans, tools, resources, and even the loan of £5 per pupil to help them learn about enterprise by starting a small business.

Pupils are split into groups and pool their money to design and develop a product or a service. Usually the school arranges for pupils to sell what they've made at an event that parents and other children are invited to, such as Christmas Fair, Summer Fete, Parents' Evening or Sports day.

Everything you need to make it happen

The resources we provide enable teachers to undertake a series of simple modules which explain:

- What enterprise is
- Why teamwork is important
- How to develop ideas
- How to check whether the idea will work
- Running a judging panel
- How to market and sell

We even provide pre-printed certificates to hand out at the end, plus leaflets for parents and children explaining what the programme is all about.

The pupils also get a free pack containing a wristband and badge.

It's very flexible and can be run over just a couple of weeks or months, in or around existing lessons.



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Inspiring ideas from some of our young entrepreneurs

1. Wobby Welly

This small pot is packed with a selection of fresh fruit set in a variety of flavored sugar-free jellies such as lime, strawberry, orange and blackcurrants.

2. Fruit Africana

The delightful little pot of fruit is packed with fair-trade products including pineapple, mango, bananas and papaya as well as a little twist of kiwi, grape and melon.

3. Fruit oat and honey slice

This sweet oat slice is bursting with a selection of fair-trade products also with juicy fruits packed with rolled oats and sweetened with fair-trade honey.

4. The Banana Spits

Create your own – go on you know you want it.

5. Deluxe Drinks

Filled with posh juice and fruits of your choice.

6. Sweets Galore

Pick and Mix your own sweet selection.

7. Beast Bangles

Hand made and hand designed bangles for all ages.

8. Nail Attraction

Come and have your nails painted by our young professionals.

9. Kick Popz

Try and beat me in the goal on our fun day – you won't be able to do it.

10. Choco Cakers

Home made deluxe chocolate cakes for the naughty amongst you.

11. Plant nation

We have grown our very own hanging baskets just for you, so you don't have to.

12. Splish splosh car wash

It says it all.

13. Poms Poms

We all like to cheer on our friends – why not do it in style.

14. Radical Bookmark

Hand designed classic bookmarks you will use over and over again.

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15. Top Shots

'Keep Calm and Play Football' – handmade keyrings.

16. Wicked designs

Designed t-shirts.

17. Bits and Bobs

Loom bands, homemade lemonade and stickers.

18. Brownie Street

Chocolate brownies – yum yum.

19. Mini pizzas

It says it all.

20. Cake Pop house

Try our very own Cake Pops.

