

Celebrating Our Differences: A Guide to Inclusion

Learning objective: To understand that everyone is unique and that our differences make our community stronger.

Use this writing frame to explore why it is important to include everyone. Think about how Max the monkey might see a group of friends as a puzzle where every piece is a different shape and colour.

Our school is like a vibrant garden where every flower is a different shape, size, and colour, and that is what makes it so beautiful.

Word bank: furthermore · on the other hand · in addition · unique qualities · perspective · celebrate · respect · kindness · belonging · valuable

1. What does 'diversity' mean to you? Start by saying: Diversity means that we all have different... (2 marks)

2. Why is it important to include people who are different from us? You could start with: It is important to include everyone because... (2 marks)

3. Describe one way you can make sure a new person in class feels welcome. Start with: To make someone feel like they belong, I could... (2 marks)

4. How does learning about other people's backgrounds help us? Start with: Learning from others helps us to... (2 marks)

5. Summarise why our differences make us a stronger group. Start with: In conclusion, our differences make us stronger because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem, like Leo the lion would, about how different colours and shapes come together to make a perfect picture.