

Exploring Our Diverse World with Nova and Max

Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion, recognising that our differences make our community stronger.

Read each flashcard carefully. The front of the card asks a question or presents a term, and the back provides an explanation. Use these to discuss how we can build a more inclusive classroom.

Diversity

Diversity means the range of different characteristics that make us who we are, such as our culture, background, talents, and physical abilities.

Inclusion

Inclusion is the act of ensuring everyone feels welcome, valued, and able to participate fully in a group, regardless of their differences.

What is a stereotype?

A stereotype is a fixed, oversimplified idea about a particular group of people that is often unfair and untrue.

Perspective

A perspective is a person's individual point of view, shaped by their own life experiences, culture, and thoughts.

Empathy

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person by imagining yourself in their situation.

Why is it important to celebrate our unique qualities?

Celebrating unique qualities creates a richer, more creative community where everyone feels safe to be themselves.

How can Max use 'Collaboration' to be inclusive?

Max can invite classmates with different strengths to work on math puzzles together, ensuring everyone has a chance to contribute their ideas.

What does it mean to show respect?

Showing respect means valuing others' opinions and feelings, even when they differ from your own, and treating everyone with kindness.

Prejudice

Prejudice is forming a negative opinion about someone before actually knowing them, often based on stereotypes rather than facts.

How can you challenge a stereotype you hear?

You can challenge a stereotype by asking thoughtful questions or explaining that people are individuals and cannot be defined by a general label.

Why does Nova the owl seek out different perspectives?

Nova knows that looking at a problem from different viewpoints helps her find the most accurate and interesting scientific answers.

Community

A community is a group of people who live or work together and support one another, thriving best when everyone is included.