

A World of Many Colours

Learning objective: To understand and celebrate the value of diversity and inclusion in our school community.

Read the story carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

At Oakwood Primary, every student is unique. Leo the lion loves writing quiet poetry, while Max the monkey enjoys solving fast maths puzzles. Some children speak different languages at home, and others have different traditions they love to share. Zara the zebra says that if everyone were exactly the same, life would be quite boring! One sunny afternoon, the friends decided to hold a 'Friendship Fair'. They brought in food, music, and stories from their own families. Pip the caterpillar helped by labelling all the displays with colourful words. When they worked together, they realised that their differences made the school a much better place. By including everyone, the group felt stronger and happier. Nova the owl watched from above and smiled, noting that a diverse forest is always the healthiest. The friends learned that being different is a wonderful thing. It means everyone has a special piece to add to the puzzle of their community. When we invite others to join in, we learn new things every single day.

Word bank: Diverse: Including many different types of people. · Include: To make sure everyone is part of the group. · Unique: Being the only one of its kind; special. · Celebrate: To show happiness about something good. · Community: A group of people living or working together.

1. Name two characters from the story and say what they like to do. (2 marks)

2. What did the friends decide to hold at school? (2 marks)

3. Why does Zara think it would be boring if everyone were the same? (2 marks)

4. How do you think the new student felt when they were asked to join the Friendship Fair? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to include everyone in our games? Give one reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a garden where many different types of flowers are growing together. Label your drawing with words that describe why the garden is beautiful because of its differences.



Extension challenge: Write a sentence about one thing that makes you unique and special. Start your sentence with: 'I am special because...'