

Celebrating Our Unique Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion, recognising how individual differences strengthen a community.

Max the monkey is organising a community fair. He believes that a team is strongest when everyone brings different skills and perspectives. Read the profiles below and complete the 'Diversity Puzzle' by matching the character's unique trait to how it contributes to an inclusive, thriving environment.

Word bank: empathy · perspective · collaboration · inclusivity · equity · diversity · strengths · celebration

1. Zara is an artist who sees patterns everywhere. She suggests that the fair should have a mural painted by everyone. How does this encourage inclusivity? Explain why this is more effective than one person doing all the work. (3 marks)

2. Ellie has a wonderful memory for history and shares stories from her ancestors. Why is sharing diverse cultural stories important for building a respectful community? (2 marks)

3. Kit the fox loves computing and logic. He notices that some people find the noise of the fair overwhelming. He suggests a 'quiet zone'. Why is this an example of equity rather than just equality? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the ideas of 'tolerance' and 'celebration'. Why is it better to celebrate our differences rather than just tolerate them? (3 marks)

5. Max wants to sell 'Friendship Bracelets' for £2.50 to raise money for charity. He wants the stall to be accessible to everyone. Suggest one way he could ensure everyone feels welcome to participate regardless of their background. (2 marks)

6. What might happen to a community if everyone thought, acted, and looked exactly the same? Justify your answer using the concept of innovation. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Community Quilt' where each square represents a different talent, background, or identity. Include symbols that represent how these different squares fit together to make one beautiful, complete design.



Extension challenge: Write a short manifesto (100-150 words) titled 'The Heart of Our School'. Detail three specific actions your class can take to ensure that every student feels valued and included, even if they have different opinions or ways of learning.