

Celebrating Our Unique Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion, recognising how individual differences strengthen our community and why it is vital to challenge stereotypes.

Read each question carefully. Reflect on your own experiences and the perspectives of others to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly.

Word bank: diversity · inclusion · stereotypes · perspective · empathy · unique · belonging · prejudice

1. Max the monkey believes that everyone should solve maths puzzles the same way he does. Explain why having a variety of problem-solving methods in a team is more beneficial than everyone thinking exactly the same. (3 marks)

2. Define the word 'stereotype' and provide an example of how a stereotype can prevent us from truly getting to know someone's individual personality. (3 marks)

3. Nova the owl loves stargazing, while Pip the caterpillar prefers reading books. How do these different interests contribute to a more vibrant and inclusive classroom environment? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

4. Imagine a new student joins your class who speaks a different language and follows different traditions to you. Describe three specific actions you could take to ensure they feel a sense of 'belonging' at your school. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the terms 'diversity' and 'inclusion'. Can a group be diverse without being inclusive? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. What might happen to a community if everyone felt pressured to act, look, and think in the exact same way? Explain the potential impact on creativity and innovation. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Community Quilt' where each square represents a different aspect of _____ diversity (such as hobbies, cultural heritage, talents, or beliefs). In the centre, draw yourself contributing a square that shows what makes you unique.



Extension challenge: Write a short manifesto (a statement of beliefs) for your school that outlines how you will promote inclusion. Include three 'golden rules' that ensure every person feels valued, regardless of their background or differences.