

Celebrating Our Unique Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion, and to articulate how our differences make our community stronger.

Use this writing frame to explore how diversity enriches our lives. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly and thoughtfully.

In our vibrant school community, every individual brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives that help us learn from one another.

Word bank: furthermore · unique perspective · invaluable · empathy · celebrating · inclusive · diverse backgrounds · mutual respect · on the contrary · consequently · harmonious

1. What does 'diversity' mean to you, and why is it important for a classroom to include a wide range of voices and backgrounds? Start by saying: Diversity refers to... (3 marks)

2. Explain why having a diverse group of friends might change the way you see the world. Start by saying: When we interact with people who have different life experiences, I notice that... (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast a community where everyone is exactly the same with a community that celebrates diversity. Start by saying: While a uniform community might feel predictable, a diverse community... (4 marks)

4. Justify why inclusion is an active choice we must make every day. Start by saying: Inclusion is more than just being present; it is about... (3 marks)

**5. What might happen if someone in our class felt excluded because of their differences?
Start by saying: If a peer feels excluded, the impact on our collective environment would be... (3 marks)**

**6. How can you personally demonstrate inclusivity in the playground or during group work?
Start by saying: To ensure everyone feels valued, I will... (2 marks)**

Extension challenge: Imagine a new student is joining our school from a country with completely different customs and traditions. Write a short 'Welcome Guide' explaining how our school practices inclusion, and describe one way you would invite them to share their own cultural heritage with the class.