

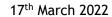
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Dear Eastway Families,

Next week, 21st - 25th March 2022, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week in school. This is in line with a number of nationally recognised events such as World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April and Autism Acceptance Week 28th March - 3rd April. Here at Eastway we are so proud of our kind and caring children and our inclusive ethos. We have a passion for promoting diversity, tolerance and acceptance throughout the school and it is a huge part of our Eastway Life Curriculum.

We are supported by our partnership with the ADHD Foundation and are proud of what we offer to all our children and the high quality professional development of all of our staff to ensure that they have had the training that they need to support all learners in school.

Neurodiversity is a term used for differences of the brain and often describes neurological differences such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's syndrome. It is a viewpoint that brain differences are normal, rather than deficits. This is a week for all children to celebrate their own uniqueness and what makes them special.

Throughout next week we will be -

- Celebrating our differences and the uniqueness of each child
- Learning what neurodiversity means and recognising key successful adults with neurodiversity how they have achieved their goals

We are very fortunate to have a wide range of accessible resources and well-equipped provision around school to support all learners. We ensure that all educational materials truly represent diversity and promote inclusion.

Our aim at Eastway is to ensure that reading is fully integrated across the whole curriculum and children are exposed to a wide range of literature. As a school, we celebrate that everybody is different, from the way the mind works, to beliefs, culture, religion and background and their family set ups. It is important to us that we promote this within the books we share. With it being Neurodiversity week next week, we have created an Amazon Wish List filled with diverse literature focusing on a range of diverse topics. We are kindly asking for donations for this and we would be delighted if you could support this by following the link below and purchasing a book for our pupils within school.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2UO4Y88CT548Z?ref_=wl_share

Yours sincerely,

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