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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's class is taking part in a new sequence of PHSE lessons focusing on neurodiversity which is being supported by Educational Psychologists. We're excited about this topic and think it's important because understanding our peers and the wider community enables us to be collaborative, supportive and to share and celebrate each other's differences.

We will be using the Learning About Neurodiversity at School (LEANS) programme, a resource that aims to help children understand brain-based differences in how we think, feel, and learn, and promote inclusive attitudes and actions. The whole class will do this topic together. Through stories, videos, and activities, we will explore issues such as 'learning and thinking differently', 'communication and understanding' and 'different ways to make a friendship.'

This is an excellent opportunity for your child and their classmates to learn about and reflect on who we are and how we can support each other better. We hope your child will talk to you about some of the LEANS stories and activities they take part in.

If you would like further information about neurodiversity and about the LEANS resources, you can visit: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/salvesen-research/leans>. If you would like to view the materials in greater detail, please contact Mrs Doxford or Mrs Needham at school.

Kind regards,

Sarah Doxford
Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO

