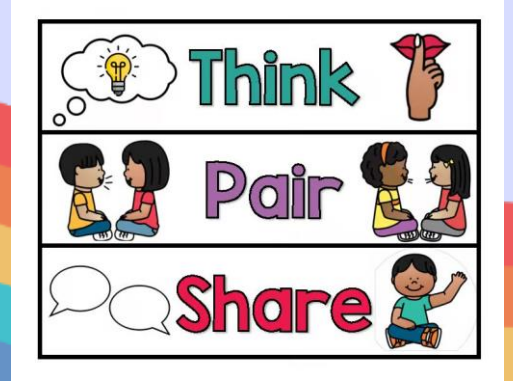


JUNE
PRIDE MONTH



What is 'Pride Month'?



- Some of you may have heard this phrase in June.
- Some of you may see rainbow flags and banners during June.
- Some of you may notice that many staff members wear rainbow lanyards.
- Some of you may have even been to a pride parade.

What is 'Pride Month'?

Pride is a celebration and protest of and for people who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. That stands for:

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender

Queer

The + means there are many more ways people can be themselves.

The most important message of Pride Month is that everyone deserves to feel safe, happy, and accepted.

Why did Pride Month start in the UK?

- Before 1967: It was actually against the law for some people to love who they loved.
- 1972: The first Pride march in London took place. It was small (around 2000 people), but very brave. People marched to ask for fairness and equality but were putting themselves in danger as lots of people didn't view them as worthy to have equal rights to them.
- Over time, more laws changed to support equality: People could no longer be treated unfairly because of who they are. In 2014, same-sex couples were allowed to marry in England, Wales, and Scotland.
- Pride started as a protest, where people stood up for their rights. Today it's also a celebration, but it still reminds us of the importance of fairness.
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What does Pride look like in the UK today?

Pride is a huge, colourful and vibrant celebration of diversity, equality and acceptance!

Now, around 30,000 people march in the London Pride Parade from various community groups. This may be sports teams, book clubs, support groups, faith groups etc.

For the whole month of June, people, charities, businesses and organisations show solidarity to help raise awareness and support LGBTQ+ people.





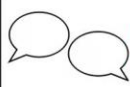

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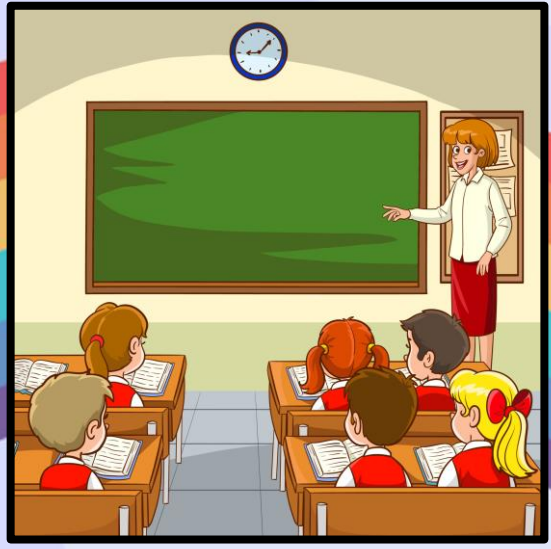


Why do we still need Pride?

- Alongside the celebration, the Pride in London parade is an important platform for visibility and a powerful act of protest. It is a reminder that while lots has been achieved, the fight for full equality is far from over.
- By taking up space in the heart of the Capital, the march gives a voice for those still facing prejudice, ensuring that the needs of the most marginalised members of the LGBTQIA+ community are seen and heard by the world.
- Even though things have improved, Pride is still important today because some people still feel unsafe or worried about being themselves. People can still experience bullying or unkindness. Not everyone around the world has equal rights. Pride reminds us that we should be kind, stand up for others and celebrate differences.

What can we do for Pride Month at EW?

	Think	
	Pair	
	Share	



What can we do for Pride Month at EW?

- We can learn about notable LGBTQ+ figures from history
- We can read books with LGBTQ+ themes and / or characters
- We can discuss ways in which we can be inclusive and kind
- We can make rainbow banners and badges to show support and solidarity
- *Teachers – I will be sending out suggestions and resources*

Key takeaways!

At our school, we believe everyone deserves to be treated equally. You don't have to understand everything to make a difference. You just need to remember:

- It's okay to be different
- It's important to be kind
- Everyone deserves respect

Question to think about as you leave: **How can you show kindness to someone who might feel left out?**

This Pride Month, let's remember: Be proud of who you are, be respectful to others and help make EW a place where everyone feels safe and happy!