

At Staples Road, our values are honesty, kindness, creativity and resilience.

Understanding ourselves and others is key to being able to manifest these values.

As a school we are learning about neurodiversity through our '9 Days of Neurodiversity Celebration'.



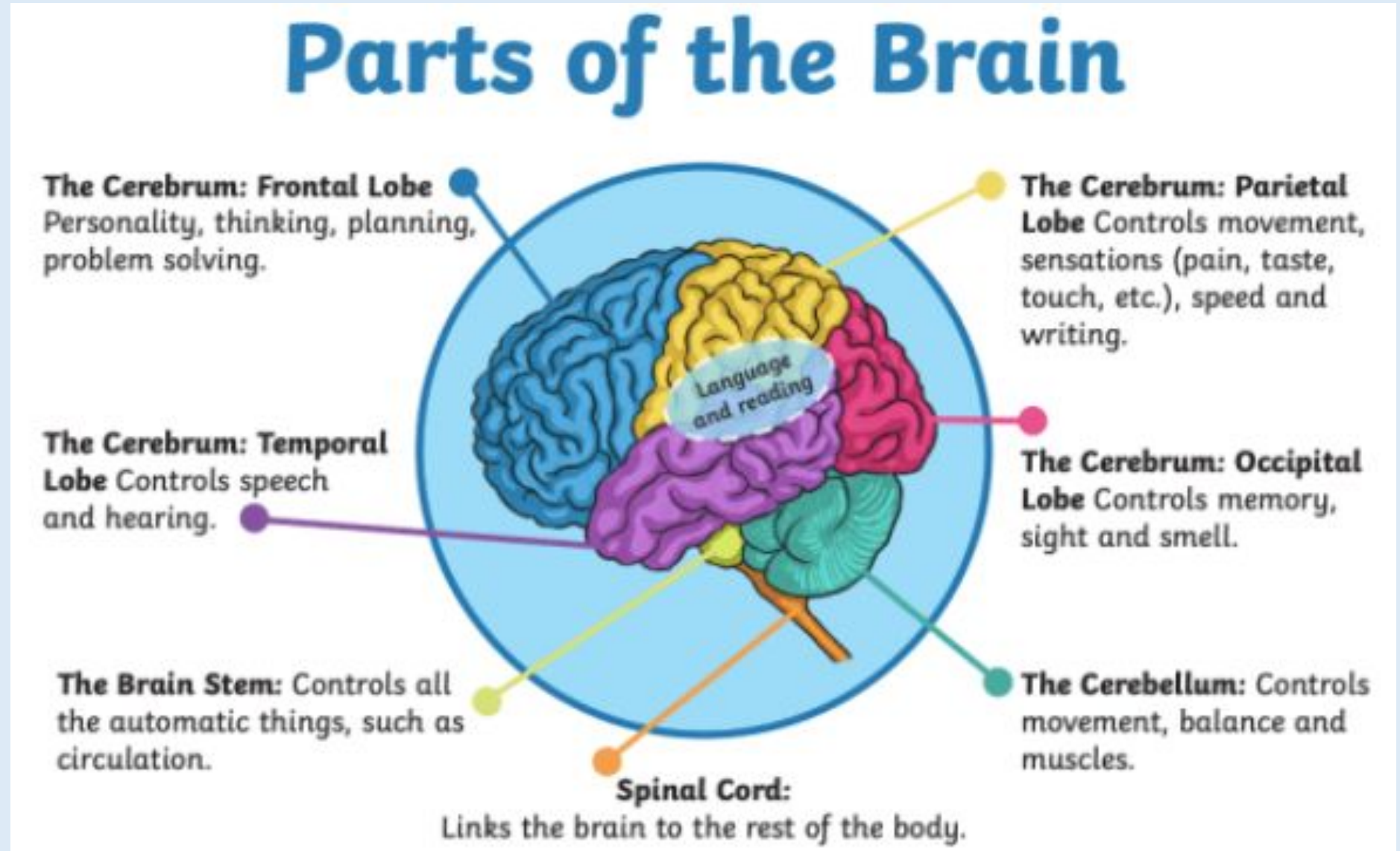
'Neuro' means...

Nerves or the nervous system which includes the brain, spine and other nerves.

Our brains are unique.

No two are the same.

Like our fingerprints or zebras stripes...



Diversity means... difference or variety

The difference between two or more things, for example:

diversity in plants includes trees, bushes, flowers, grass, etc.

Diversity in dogs includes big dogs, small dogs, long haired dogs, short-haired dogs, etc. Similarly, in people: race and skin colour, religion, age, abilities and disabilities etc.



# Diversity



# Neurodiversity:

## What is it?

Our brains are not the same so they don't work the same. We are all different and we should celebrate this, understand our differences and support each other.



# The key aims of our '9 Days of Neurodiversity Celebration 2024' are:

- To explore how brains work
- To know that we all have different likes and strengths
- To develop ways to manage our emotions
- To understand a little about some neurodiversities

We are exploring these through assemblies, class activities and stories.

Have you seen this clip before? It was shared in assemblies this week and explains diversity, differences in people and autism in a child-friendly way.



Here are some other clips that you might want to watch or share with your child at home...



[See Dyslexia Differently](#)

[Let's Talk about ADHD](#)



# We are all different!

Just some of the reasons

## Neurodivergent Kids Are Awesome!

*\*Every kid has their own unique strengths*

### Busy Brain



- I have lots of ideas
- I can focus intensely on things I find interesting
- I notice things others miss



### Creative

- I can come up with solutions nobody else has thought of
- I have a great imagination



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### Brave



- I have a strong sense of right and wrong
- I don't always have to go along with the crowd
- I am not afraid to ask questions

### Energetic & Fun



- I am energetic and playful
- I have a great sense of humour
- I'm a lot of fun to hang out with.



# Coming next week...

- Recommended stories that include neurodiverse characters.
- Organisations that can support parents and carers with questions about neurodiversity.