

Autism

Autism Awareness and Acceptance Week
Assembly
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Some people - adults and children - have Autism Spectrum Disorder or Autism for short. If you have Autism - you are Autistic.

One in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK.

Communicating and interacting...

Understanding words or processing what they mean can take time.

If I show you some pictures of where I'd like to be - I bet you could work it out.

Where might I want to go if I show you these?



Communicating and interacting...

What about if I show you things that I want to play with or activities I want to do... can you guess what?

Communicating without words...

We all communicate without words through our body language.

Autism can make it trickier for people to understand what others are saying or their body language.



Tricky communication...

Autistic people can:

- take things literally and not understand abstract concepts
- need extra time to process information or answer questions
- repeat what others say to them (this is called echolalia)

When people talk a lot and there is lots of other sounds and things to look at... it can be harder to understand what is being said... try to follow this quiz and you'll experience a little of what it might be like.

- https://youtu.be/9bC5Daif_8

Favourite things to do...

Sometimes autistic people like to do things in a certain way or repeat certain actions. These things can feel good to do, help to make them feel calmer or be a way of showing excitement or uncertainty.

Feeling the world around us...

We all have different senses... how many? Can you name them?

Autistic people can experience things through their senses in different ways. This can feel great but can also feel confusing, frustrating or even overwhelming.

Operation Ouch!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woalwlg9PLw>

Operation Ouch - introduction to Autism

Learning about Autism...

This week you are going to have opportunities to watch video clips and hear stories about people with autism in class.

On Thursday, during celebration assembly, each class are going to share something they have learned about Autism or recommend their favourite story with a character that is Autistic.

Remember... lots of children and adults are autistic and that's ok. We are all different and all unique. We all have things that we like and don't like, understand easily or find tricky to make sense of.

Being kind to everyone is what we do at Staples Road!

Autism can make amazing things happen!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1O_TMTc660&t=101s

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Check out this fantastic artist!