



**'Together We Can'**

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**Oak Trees New topic: Neurodiversity**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's class is taking part in a new topic this term and will be learning about *neurodiversity*. We're excited about this topic and think it's important because neurodiversity is very common among primary aged pupils and believe it is our role to educate our children on this. Leavening is proud of being an inclusive school committed to equality and equity for all of our pupils.

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> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

Best wishes,

Sian Mitchell

**LEANS**   
Learning About Neurodiversity at School



Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential  
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

