



STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY: ASSEMBLY PLAN FOR EYFS

LESSON TITLE

Celebrating Diversity & Understanding

OBJECTIVE

To educate young children on the importance of diversity and to commemorate the life of Stephen Lawrence, a young man whose life was taken due to hate and prejudice.

MATERIALS

- Whiteboard and markers
- Picture of Stephen Lawrence (www.stephenlawrenceday.org)
- Copies of the Stephen Lawrence Story (www.stephenlawrenceday.org/stephens-story, please note this may need to be adapted for young children)
- Colouring sheets with diverse characters
- Stickers
- Glue sticks

INTRODUCTION (10 MINUTES)

- Greet the children and explain the purpose of the lesson.
- Show the children a picture of Stephen Lawrence and ask them if they know who he is.
- Briefly explain who Stephen Lawrence was and why we are celebrating his life today.
- Read the Stephen Lawrence Story (adapted for young children) to the children.

DIVERSITY ACTIVITY (20 MINUTES)

- Explain to the children that people come in different shapes, sizes, and colours, but that we are all equal and should be treated with respect.
- Pass out the colouring sheets with diverse characters and ask the children to colour them in.
- As the children are colouring, walk around and talk to them about their pictures, asking questions like: "Who did you colour today?" "What colour is their skin?" "What makes them special?"
- Once all the children have finished colouring, have them stand up and share their pictures with the class.





STICKER ACTIVITY (15 MINUTES)

- Pass out stickers to each child and ask them to find someone in the class who they think is special and deserves a sticker.
- Encourage the children to find someone they don't usually play with or talk to and give them a sticker.
- Once all the stickers have been given out, have the children sit down and discuss why they chose the person they did and what makes them special.

CONCLUSION (5 MINUTES)

- Summarise the main points of the lesson, including the importance of diversity and treating others with respect.
- Have the children glue their pictures to a large piece of paper to create a class display.
- End the lesson by thanking the children for their participation and telling them how proud you are of them for celebrating Stephen Lawrence Day.

ASSESSMENT

- Observe the children during the lesson to see if they are able to understand and appreciate the importance of diversity.
- Look at the class display to see if the children are able to show respect and appreciation for others.
- Ask the children questions about the lesson and their understanding of diversity and respect to assess their comprehension.