

St Mark's Word of the Week



Heterogeneous

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

What does it have to do with our
Mission of the Month?



Let's see if we can work out what it means from looking at its etymology.

Heterogeneous



From the Greek heteros
meaning 'other'

From the Greek genos
meaning 'a kind'

So what does heterogeneous mean?

'Other kind'



Heterogeneous (adjective)

Definition

diverse in character or content.

Examples:

- There was a heterogeneous array of bric-a-brac for sale.
- A heterogeneous collection of garments was on display.
- Our school community is heterogeneous.
- Switzerland is a heterogeneous confederation of 26 self-governing cantons.

Can you come up with your own?



Heterogeneous (adjective)

Definition

diverse in character or content.

Can you think of any synonyms?

- Varied
- Diverse
- Different
- Assorted
- Eclectic

Can you think of any antonyms?

- Homogeneous
- Uniform
- Same
- Identical
- Alike



What does this have to do with our Mission of the Month?



Mission of the Month Human Dignity

Dignity is the right of every single person to be valued and respected for their own sake, and to be treated ethically and fairly. In general, human dignity is at its most basic, the belief that all people hold a special value that's tied solely to their humanity.

At St Mark's we will use this month to celebrate the fact that we are part of a heterogeneous community.

Can you think about all of the ways that our school community is heterogeneous?

