

CURRICULUM ADAPTATIONS IN ENGLISH

Cognition and Learning

Pre-teach key knowledge and vocabulary.

Ensure layered (multiple) reads of key vocabulary.

Use of worked examples to model - WAGOLL

Use of working walls to build the bigger picture and to retrieve prior learning.

Use of visualiser to model and share worked examples.

Use images or objects in comprehension

Use of Stem sentences, sentence starters, word banks and word wheels.

Use of scaffolds to prevent cognitive load - E.g. close passage, sentence starters.

A visual framework can be used as a consistent guide for paragraph planning or structuring extended writing.

Jotters and Magpie Books to collect ideas/notes.

Choice of font/colour of font and sizing.

Use of iPads and recording devices to support rehearsal and writing of sentences.

Consider short-bursts e.g. if writing an extended piece, chunk support into sections to avoid cognitive overload.

Communication and Interaction

Avoid unnecessary figurative language.

Give specific contextual use of words, with images to support understanding.

Pre-teach key knowledge and vocabulary.

Ensure layered (multiple) reads of key vocabulary.

Check children's understanding before starting their task, appropriate to their needs.

Give children time to process and practice, using oracy stems to articulate responses.

Reduce adult talk and length of input.

Consider short-bursts e.g. if writing an extended piece, chunk support into sections to avoid cognitive overload.

Use of working walls

Exposure to a variety of language-rich texts.

Curriculum adjustments according to child's interests.

Purposeful opportunities for speaking and listening.

Use of Magpie Books and jotters to gather ideas and notes.

Physical and/or Sensory

Consider pupil choice and preferences when writing and recording work

Consider positioning of children to meet their sensory needs

Consider children hard of hearing when reading aloud.

Use of sensory aids as part of usual provision e.g. gloves, audio/visual support.

Consider pupil sensory audits and adaptations. Visual books.

Use of technology including iPads, talking tins and laptops.

Break writing times up into small bursts with active breaks facilitated.

Use of concentration aids, finger-strengthening exercises, wobble boards, flexibility over where children write.

Wide range of texts which refer to a range of personalities and individuals.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Pre-teach vocabulary/reading

Use of working walls

Consider carefully the groupings – prepare the children for their groups

Where appropriate, pre-teach skills of cooperation and interaction for practical work.

Controlled choices

Clear expectations (i.e. 3 sentences, 1 paragraph)

Use of adult scribe, my turn your turn, paired work

Use of laptop, whiteboards, choice of writing tool

Allow children to work to their own interests and write about these

Teacher modelling of 'getting stuck' and positive attitudes towards perseverance.

Rewarding and praising effort, not only academic content