

St Stephen Churchtown Academy

Strategies for supporting pupils with SEND in Phonics.

Area of Need	How we support our pupils to succeed
Communication and	Rules and systems are clarified, using unambiguous language.
Interaction	 Opportunity is given to move around between bursts of learning – Shuffle Time.
	 The lesson is broken down into key component parts and the teacher
	prompts these.
	There is plenty of space between learners to enable the child to
	concentrate on their own learning.
	The parts of the lesson are clearly demonstrated.
	Speech sounds are modelled by the class teacher where there are piceapaptions. Children are not hold back by difficulties in
	misconceptions. Children are not held back by difficulties in pronouncing speech sounds; they are still able to progress through the
	phonics scheme once they know the individual sound by sight.
	 New vocabulary is discussed and put into context.
	 Language is purposefully kept simple and consistent throughout the
	sessions.
	 Every session follows the same routines and uses the same mantras.
Cognition and Learning	Children are encouraged to sit where they feel the most comfortable in
3.3	the classroom. Where possible, this seating plan is not altered unless the
	child is happy and involved in the process.
	Extra processing time is given and on the spot questioning is avoided.
	 Planned and unplanned sensory breaks are permitted throughout the lesson.
	Children have access to their own whiteboard in the session, rather
	than copying from the class board.
	 Review words are taught alongside new knowledge. This enables children to process, store knowledge in long-term memory and recall
	more easily.
	 Children are taught in keep up / catch up groups or 1:1 if needed.
	There is no pressure put on individual children to read aloud in front of
	the class.
	Little Wandle resources have a consistent print.
	There is a huge focus on learning new vocabulary for all. Time is a fixed to a position, program and formulate an appropriate.
	 Time is given to consider, process and formulate an answer. The opportunity is given for reading to be physically demonstrated
	rather than getting the child to solely rely on verbal instructions.
	Specific, targeted praise is given so the child knows what they are
	doing well.
	 Instructions are simple.
	Careful consideration is given to seating, with individual considerations
	made discreetly and not publicly.
	 Large font materials are provided in addition to teacher talk. There is a space provided for the child at the front of the classroom.
	 The teacher leading the lesson discreetly checks in regularly with the
	child to check their understanding.
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Health	have already established a trusted relationship with.
Healill	 The child is in the same seat every day and is pre warned if the seating
	plan needs to change for any reason.
	 Avoid asking direct questions; instead, questioning is used on a 1:1 bas
	where the adult has established trust with the child.
	Where possible, children are prepared in advance when there is a
	change in staff member.
	Emotional reactions are filtered and we listen and respond with support
	and understanding.
	There is a clear structure to the lesson.
	If children arrive late to phonics a nonconfrontational, trauma informe
	approach is used to welcome the child.
	 Positive self- talk is modelled when reading. Mistakes are seen as a
	positive part of learning.
	 A predictable environment with clear expectations for behaviour is
	provided
Sensory and Physical	Using a non-confrontational approach and listening to the individual
	child will help reduce their heightened arousal.
	 Structured Little Wandle lessons allow children to predict what will
	happen in a formal sequence with consistent rules and phonics routing
	that do not differ from one group to another.
	 Visual prompts are used for writing by using the word card alongside
	spoken word.
	 Ensure the child is positioned so that the teacher has easy access for
	support.
	 Careful consideration is given to seating, with individual consideration
	made inconspicuously and not publicly.
	 Written materials are provided in addition to teacher talk.
	 Only one person is encouraged to speak at a time.
	 There is a space provided for the child at the front of the classroom
	with an unobstructed line of vision.
	 The teacher leading the lesson discreetly checks in regularly with the
	child to check they are hearing and understanding.
	 Use is made of sensory breaks and resources.
	 Individual equipment e.g. hearing aids are checked discreetly prior to
	learning beginning.