Subject Area - English

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Area of Need			Classroom adaptations
Area of Need Cognition and Learning	Operation pre-teach vocabulary / key concepts. use prior knowledge to introduce new learning teach key points and keep revisiting check understanding model examples visual aids scaffolding – writing prompts, frames clear and simple instructions, explicit language used chunk up activities into small steps direct questioning with time given for processing talk / buddy partners, model mistake making as part of the learning process, provide visual signals, talk times, alternatives to writing, opportunities for over learning, coloured paper / screens / overlays extra time given or content reduced study packs where applicable read text to the learner uncluttered worksheets advance warning of questions being asked-opportunities for direct and practical activities 	 Subject specific In guided reading/writing, place pupils who need most support opposite the teacher so they can hear and see teacher prompts clearly. chunky pencils pencil grips Teaching slides / important information printed for individual copies/reference where needed Low-arousal areas planned for those who need it: Provide a library corner with appropriate seating and/or soft materials conducive to reading. Unfamiliar learning environments: Make sure pupils are well prepared for visits and trips to the library. Preparation can include using photographs and videos so that pupils are not worried about unfamiliar situations. Film and video are powerful tools to support English learning, particularly in relation to storytelling and the study of literature. Deaf pupils and pupils with speech, language and communication needs may require subtitles to gain full benefit from these media. Use visual aids or other concrete supports when dealing with abstract topics – for example, teaching about rhythm in poetry through clapping and pacing. When teaching poetry and texts that make high language demands, use active teaching strategies, such as drama – eg to explore a scene from Shakespeare, or build sound collages for a poem. 	Classroom adaptations - Clearly labelled and visual working walls - Organised and labelled environment - Reduce background noise and activity - Careful seating plan to ensure SEND child can see the teacher, focus on their work and reduce disruption for the rest of the class

		 example, by creating a storyboard of pictures as a scaffold for writing a narrative. ICT can be used to offer alternatives to writing as a way of responding to text, eg through creating an electronic presentation, perhaps with images, as a response to text. Use ICT in a focused and structured way, for example: Clicker 5 helps with spelling, providing a talking word bank. Inspiration provides 'interactive concept maps' to help organise thinking and plan for writing. It is excellent for self-confidence and raising pupil profile in the classroom with perfectly presented work. Allow pupils enough time to complete reading and written tasks with appropriate support, eg a guided writing session or a one-to-one reading conference. Make sure teaching assistants understand the topic they are supporting, have the required subject knowledge, and have read any text being studied. Pupils who progress slowly should have longer-term targets easily accessible on personal cards or inside the back cover of an exercise book. In terms of writing development, response to task should be a shorter-term target and punctuation recognised as a longer-term target. 	
Communication and Interaction ASD	 -Prepare learner for new concepts prior to the lesson -Visual aids or prompts -Set clear definable goals -Chunk work into small steps, -Step by step guides, -Calm time / brain / movement breaks -Quiet working space -Clear routines -Short, simple instructions, Direct questions – name first. -Advance warning of changes, -Structured, consistent approach, -Link to personalised interests if possible -Direct conversations back to focus of work -Immediate reward system, -Element of choice if possible 	 <u>Teachers' communication:</u> Introduce key vocabulary explicitly and ensure this includes verbs as well as nouns – for example, as well as teaching rhythm and symbolism in readiness for writing a literary critical essay, also introduce the common verbs used to develop literary comment, such as depicts, conveys, suggests, evokes Highlight key words for the main message of the text. These could be individual words, but will more often be phrases such as persuasive language, noun phrases, or character portraits. Be aware that metaphor (for example, in poetry) and irony can be interpreted literally by some pupils (including those on the autistic spectrum), creating confusion and/or misunderstanding. Some pupils may need more time to respond and more time to practise a task before they can go on to find creative solutions or ideas. An over-structured environment can reduce a pupil's 	-Use of personalised support tools e.g. ear defenders, quiet area, exit strategy, timer, feeling ZOR flashcards,

	-Teach new vocabulary prior to the lesson	lad by the teacher or teaching assistant, too much directive talk	
SLCN	-Vocabulary bank, word wall,	led by the teacher or teaching assistant, too much directive talk,	Makatan visuale displayed in alaseroom
	-Cued listening	or a lack of time to think of a response before a 'correct' or	Makaton visuals displayed in classroom
	-Clear instructions given in small steps	prompted response is given by an adult.	
	-Repeat instructions	Pupils' communication:	
	-Processing time,	- Develop communication skills in contexts that are relevant to	
	-Directed questions,	pupils and use communication methods that are useful to them,	
	-Visual signals to check understanding	such as alternative and augmentative communication.	
	-Talk partners,	- In drama, explore non-verbal as well as verbal communication,	
	-Scaffolding,	and make use of drama techniques, such as mime, mirroring or	
	Model correct use of language,	tableau (which require no words), or soundscapes (which	
	Talk / writing frames,	require no physical movement).	
	Extra time,	- Where pupils are using alternative ways of communicating,	
	-Modelling, prompting and reinforcing language, -Practical, visual demonstration	such as through visual symbols or sign language, integrate these	
	-Practical, visual demonstration -Opportunities for learning through direct experience,	into language study. Look, for example, at how much the visual	
	-Opportunities for learning through direct experience, -Over learning and repetition of key concepts and language	is part of the way we all communicate, or how the grammar of a	
		sentence in British Sign Language is different from one in	
		standard English.	
		- Some pupils with significant learning difficulties (such as those	
		whose attainments are at the lower P levels) will always need	
		carefully planned activities that enable them to develop and	
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		consolidate their receptive and expressive communication skills	
		on an incremental basis.	
		Pupil-teacher interaction:	
		- Use paired talk before and during activities such as shared	
		reading/ writing. This gives pupils the opportunity to reflect on	
		and discuss ideas, before offering them in these contexts.	
		- Make sure pupils know the purpose of the activity, eg that	
		using interesting vocabulary in a story or descriptive piece helps	
		the reader picture things more. Some pupils will only need to	
		provide one or two examples of appropriate or lively vocabulary	
		in their writing to fulfil the task.	

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	-Think about seating position - calm partner,	Relevant and motivating tasks	Colum areas
	-Agree a safe haven	- Build confidence through working from the known. Make	Calm area
	-Agree an exit strategy,	books based on pupils' own experiences using familiar	Fidget toys
	-Short, chunked activities,	vocabulary. Make explicit links between the content of a text	Use of timers
Emotional,	-Brain breaks / movement opportunities	and what pupils know already.	Manage the immediate environment to reduce
Social & Mental	-Anticipate activities that are high arousal, may cause	- Choose texts for shared study that represent a range of	distraction and potential for conflict or disruption
	stress or anxiety	interests and perspectives.	
Health	-Set tasks with clear end goals,	- Provide texts and forms of representation that are meaningful	
	-Calm but fair approach,	to pupils – eg some pupils with significant learning difficulties	
	-Distraction / humour techniques,	will not be able to read a story but will be able to follow it, feel	
	-Model behaviour expected	its emotional impact and then work on recalling events,	
	-Label the behaviour not the child,	describing characters or predicting what might happen next, or	
	-Element of choice in tasks,	on understanding aspects of the narrative.	
	-Positive adult language at all times,	- Use performance examples from theatre companies that draw	
	-Catch the 'good' and identify it.	on the specific potential of disabled performers to create unique	
	 Planned reward systems, consistent use of these 	performance pieces.	
	 Access to alternative recording systems 	- Use critical literacy approaches to explore how novels, poetry,	
	-Build confidence and self-esteem –ensure the young	print and television media portray difference, disability and	
	person knows they are valued	diversity. Language exploration might include study of how word	
	-Provide scaffolds	choices such as wheelchair user/ wheelchair-bound or disabled/	
	-Build positive relationships	differently-abled carry different connotations and power	
	-Prepare for changes to routine	relationships.	
	-Nurturing practices	Reducing reliance on memory	
	-Clear, simple statement of behaviour	- Mind maps are excellent for ordering and summarising main	
	-Provide 'take up time'	and subordinate ideas visually to facilitate memory. The ICT	
	- Reward systems	packages Kidspiration for younger pupils and Inspiration for	
		older pupils can be used to convert ideas into writing.	
		- Give simple instructions for reading activities, as well as their	
		purpose, eg "Read the next few pages of and think about why	
		the character acts as he does".	
		- Simple audio records can be used instead of written notes	
		during visits or field trips.	
	-Use of audiological equipment	- chunky pencils	The physical environment – back ground noise
	-Visual aids	- pencil grips	reduced, seating plan takes into account acoustics
	-ICT equipment	P	and optimises visual and listening access to lip
Sensory	-Cue and reinforce listening and attention skills		patterns
,	-Check understanding by reinforcing and repeating		Light source behind learner,
and Physical	instructions,		Face to face with adults
	-Pre-teaching where necessary,		
	-Subtitles if needed,		
	-Speak clearly and a normal speed		
	Ensure pupils speak one at once.		
	-Handouts		
	-Verbal instructions as well as written,		

-Tactile experiences, -Support aids -Sloping desk, -Grippy rulers, -Adapted tools	

- IPM targets MUST be taken into account when planning learning, whatever the subject area.
- Subject planning what knowledge do learners need to know?
 - -where is vocabulary and language explicitly taught?
 - -what will progression look like?