

Inspire – Believe – Achieve I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6

Adaption for children with SEND in Science

Area of Need	Barrier /	Adaptation
	Learning Challenge	
Specific Learning Difficulty	Understanding new Science knowledge	Range of teaching strategies to support different types of learners, including: Hands-on learning (children able to touch/explore). Use of outdoor environment. Use of ICT (videos, iPad, apps, website links). Practical fieldwork investigations. Use of knowledge notes and dual coding to support understanding.
	Recording Written learning	 Range of ways to record work incl. verbally, group presentations, use of ICT, written, scribes etc. Adult support as appropriate for individual child.
Communication and Interaction	Understanding new vocabulary	 Some pre-teaching of new vocabulary prior to lesson. Liaise with Speech and Language Lead. Limit vocabulary to that which is necessary to ensure progress. Explicit teaching of new vocabulary Use knowledge notes and dual coding to support understanding New vocabulary limited to manageable number Continuous checking of understanding of key terms/concepts
	Difficulty participating in class discussion	Carefully considered groupings/pairings with adult support as appropriate.
	Communicating within lessons	 'Think pair share' before cold calling Allow time for child to respond to questions. Use alternative forms of responding such as mini whiteboards or partner feedback. Give child warning if you're going to ask/ expect an answer to a question. Use a 'hot table' for children who may need support. Give child enough warning/time to answer. Discuss given question within small group/1:1 with an adult.
Social, Emotional and Mental Heath	Sabotaging work if it's not perfect.	 Use of learning labels to focus on the aspects that prioritise the learning over the presentation. Conversation before and during about their plan for execution Use of the 'whoops' moment for when things do not go to plan. Encourage/praise. Adult support if becoming dysregulated.
	Anxiety around new experiences to celebrate Geography, e.g. school trips. Completing Work	 Modifying the activity. Talking to individuals about anxiety and what could be done to improve/help. Social stories and clear explanations from trusted adults before new experiences to explain what will happen and provide opportunities for children to ask questions. Short, sharp instructions for child to tick off when complete.
	Low Self esteem	 Task planners Opportunities for children to share their work in quieter areas of classroom with their adults if they prefer. One to one sharing.
	Challenging Behaviour.	 Allow movement or release breaks/ different work environments such as a wall table. Modify activity and expectations. Smaller groups, clear instructions, adult support.
Sensory or Physical	Visual or Hearing Impairment.	 Adult support. Demonstration of how to use equipment. Larger/smaller space. Consult with the relevant sensory support teams.

Difficulty accessing resources effectively	 Resources modified as appropriate to individual need (e.g. written resources enlarged for visually impaired child etc.). Physical and sensory needs taken into consideration in advance of practical work (incl. school trips etc.) to ensure activities are accessible. Use of range of different resources (hands-on practical learning, equipment etc.). Options to record learning in different ways if appropriate. Close working links with other agencies supporting individual children.
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