

Strategies for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in History lessons.

Individual Need	Here's how we help everyone shine
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	 All adults supporting the child within the classroom will have a good understanding of how best to support the child using a non-confrontational approach Any rules/expectations will be consistently implemented Seating arrangements will be considered carefully to minimise distractions within the history session 'Time out' or ' help cards' can be used to ensure the child is able to communicate that they need to use their break out space Instructions and key information will be given clearly so the child understands what is being asked of them and how they will achieve the learning goal Children will be given the correct preparation before the lesson so they know what will be happening and what to expect prior to the history session
Anxiety	 Before the lesson, there will be a discussion between the adult and child so that the child can choose their preference for where they would like to sit Children will be given the necessary preparation prior to the lesson so that they know what to expect within the lesson. Any new vocabulary will also be shared with the child before the lesson Any changes that will be made to the seating plan or organisation of the lesson will be shared with the child beforehand Children will be able to use a 'help card' if they feel that they need support within the classroom

Autism Spectrum Disorder	 Adults who have a positive, supportive, trusting relationship with the child will be available to support during to the lesson
	 Learning will be adapted so that it is accessible to the child
	Seating arrangements will be agreed with the child prior to the lesson and any changes to the organisation of the lesson or classroom will be shared with the child through a social script/the use of visuals
	 Preparation for what is coming will be provided with the use of visuals
	 Time will be given for the child to process new information and instructions with the support of visual cues

		Planned and unplanned sensory breaks will be used and there will be a breakout space available throughout the lesson
	0	Any group activities will be thought out carefully and children can work independently if the child finds the social expectations of group work tricky or difficult
Dyscalculia		The use of an individual whiteboard will be used to ensure the child is not expected to copy from the shared whiteboard
		Adults will ensure that questioning is adapted to support the child's understanding
Dyslexia		Adults will ensure that font size is 12 or above and any printed resources will be on pastel coloured paper, avoiding black font on white paper
		Numbered points or bullet points will be used rather than large paragraphs of writing/information
		Children will be able to use a ruler or their finger to follow writing/text when reading
		Text boxes or borders will be used to highlight important information
		The use of pictures, diagrams, clear sub-titles and 'colourcoded text' will be used to break up large sections of information
		Text to speech technology will be used if necessary
Dyspraxia		Children will be provided with a large working space with an accessible route into and out of the classroom Instructions will be written clearly for the child, using different colours for each line
		Visual timelines of the lesson will be provided with a tick list of activities/expectations so that the child is aware of how to reach the learning goal

	Time will be provided for the child to: move around the room, complete tasks within the lesson, process information and pack up and leave the session early if needed
	Adults will discretely check that the child is wearing their hearing aid
Hearing	A discussion will take place between the adult and child so that the child is able to choose where they sit/where is best for them to access the learning within the classroom environment
Impairment	Background noise will be minimised and the classroom will be a quiet, calm environment
	Questions asked by other children will be repeated clearly so that the child is aware of any key information being shared
	Adults will face the child when talking, children will sit closely to the front having clear vision of all aspects of the lesson
	Children will be provided with key vocabulary specific to history with technical terms explained

Toileting Issues	 Children will be able to leave the classroom whenever necessary
	Seating arrangements will be carefully organised so that the child can access the toilet as easily as possible Staff will be aware that the child may arrive late to the lesson
Cognition and Learning Challenges	 Learning will be carefully adapted to suit the child's individual learning needs. Visual diagrams and pictures will be used to support new information Instructions will be given clearly with both physical and verbal cues with visuals to support so that the child fully understands the expectations of the lesson Children will be given time to process questions and formulate answers Word banks will be provided with key vocabulary linked to the history focus of the lesson Information will be repeated in a variety of ways, using a range of vocabulary A writing frame will be provided to support writing during independent activities

		Children will be given time to process information and to give responses to answers
		Speech will be clear and slowly paced so that children can understand what is being said, what information is
		being shared and any instructions that are being given
Speech,		Long sentences will be broken up into smaller, short sentences that can clearly be interpreted
Language & Communication Needs		Symbols, signs and visual timetables will be used to
		support communication Lots of opportunities will be given to communicate in
		either a pair or small group context to develop
		confidence Positive responses will be given to any attempts at
		communicating
		Adults will regularly check the child's understanding throughout the lesson
		Adults will have understanding of how to individually
		support the child with tics to ensure they feel safe and respected
		Adults will support the child to ensure they feel supported
Tourette Syndrome		in participating within the lesson however they feel comfortable
		Children will be provided with a tick list/structure to
		completing an activity that supports their attention span and helps with the planning and organisation of the
		activity Adults will plan sessions carefully, being mindful of the
	Ц	sensory processing that this lesson exposes the child to
Experienced Trauma		The PACE approach will be used by all adults supporting the child within the lesson
		Adults will carefully check through the content of the
		lesson to ensure they are considering the child's context and background before the lesson takes place. If
		necessary, lessons will be adapted with this information in
		mind to avoid triggers and to ensure the child feels safe and secure
		Children will be provided with a safe and familiar break
		out space if they need it throughout the lesson The use of a 'help card' will be available at all times
		Adults supporting the child will have good understanding
		of how best to support the child with their emotions

Visual Impairment	 A thicker/darker pencil will be provided to support the child with reading their own writing Children will be given enlarged images, pictures and diagrams If the child needs a typoscope when reading information, this will be accessible whenever necessary Resources will be provided in the correct font size rather
	than enlarged to ensure sharpness and contrast is as clear as possible