Adaptations for children with SEND in Computing

Cognition and Learning

- Clear modelling of tasks
- Pre-teach new vocabulary
- Identify key vocabulary being taught and ensure understanding
- Display board/flipchart to display key vocabulary this may needs to be accompanied by visuals/Word mats given
- Children given copies of what is on board so that they are not required to copy
- Repetition of teaching of key vocabulary and skills to support knowledge being transferred into long term memory.
- Rehearsal of key vocabulary in a variety of ways quizzes, questions, discussions.
- Build on existing learning what did we learn last week, what will we learn next?
- introduce learning in smaller chunks easy to follow checklists where appropriate and skills practised before moving on
- use of ICT to record understanding video role play, speech to text, photos, post it notes in floorbooks
- use of familiar contexts to introduce new programming and computer science concepts, such as repetition and selection.
- Use of unplugged tasks, to reduce the amount of new information being introduced at one time.
- Coloured background when using whiteboard
- Children are able to to present their learning through a range of media, for example animations, videos, comic strips and graphic organisers.

Communication and Interaction

- Now and Next boards
- Checklists to help with organisation
- Structured routine in the lesson
- Use of visuals
- Regularly model the use of key vocabulary in sentences so that learners can hear them being used in the correct context.
- Use questioning to recap the meaning of key terminology on a regular basis and actively encourage learners to apply terms in class discussion and written work, so that they become part of the learner's everyday language.
- Multi-sensory approach to support spoken language – pictures, concrete resources, role play
- Instructions in manageable chunks, use of sound buttons
- Slow down delivery to allow processing time
 time to talk
- Display key vocabulary on a working wall for learners to access each lesson or display terms that will be used in the lesson on the board for learners to refer to.
- Speech frames given to support
- Talk partners used

Sensory and Physical Needs

- Provide information in a range of formats –
 e.g. text, images, video, and audio so
 that students with sensory disabilities can
 access content and to support children
 that find reading challenging
- Careful seating arrangements

Social, Emotional and mental Health difficulties

- Now and Next boards
- Clear behaviour expectations modelled by teachers
- Use of social stories and comic strip conversations

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- Visual: Coloured background when using whiteboard, use of screen readers and magnifiers
- Avoid getting child to copy from the board
- Appropriate print size used and text read out for child where needed
- Hearing: Careful seating
- Fiddle toys to support concentration or sensory needs
- Repeat contributions from other children
- Repeat instructions to the child
- More thinking time given
- Slow down speech to ensure key points heard and processed
- Co-ordination: Use of ICT or discussions and oral presentations to present thoughts and understanding rather than relying on writing
- Support with writing where needed: writing frame, lined paper
- Overlays for keyboards larger letters.
 larger buttons
- Ensure cursar is enlarged
- Pupils with poor or slow typing can use Voice Typing in Google Docs to add content.

- Check in throughout the session to ensure they have understood the task, praise throughout the session.
- Provide all learners with planned movement breaks in lesson routines.
- Break down instructions- checklists to help them attend to the task independently.
- Quiet space to go to if children struggle with the content
- Wobble cushions to support sitting during discussion time

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