Adaptations for children with SEND in PSHE

Cognition and Learning

- Pre-teach new vocabulary
- Identify key vocabulary being taught and ensure understanding
- Children given copies of what is on board so that they are not required to copy
- Repetition of teaching of key vocabulary to ensure overlearned
- Word mats given
- Build on existing learning what did we learn last week, what will we learn next?
- Writing frames given to support recording
- Use of ICT to record understanding video role play, speech to text, photos
- Key learning points reviewed
- Alternative ways to show understanding use of visuals to finish sentences, drawings, diagrams, mind maps, discussion, Quotes in floor books.
- Coloured background when using whiteboard

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
- 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

- Careful seating arrangements
- Visual: Coloured background when using whiteboard
- Avoid getting child to copy from the board
- Appropriate print size used and text read out for child where needed
- Hearing: Careful seating
- Repeat contributions from other children during circle time
- 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

Social, Emotional and mental Health difficulties

- Now and Next boards
- Clear behaviour expectations modelled by teachers
- Use of social stories and comic strip conversations
- Role play to act out scenarios
- Provide all learners with planned movement breaks in lesson routines.
- Break down instructions- checklists to help them attend to the task independently.
- Pre-warn children and families of sensitive issues that may be taught and discussed
- Calm me time mindfulness approach
- Calm music
- Use of chime bar
- Quiet space to go to if children struggle with the content
- Wobble cushions to support sitting during discussion time

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