

Cranborne

Church of England First School and Nursery Love, Learn, Fly Do Everything in Love 1 Corinthians 16:14

Adaptations for children with SEND

Subject Area: Computing

Area of Need: Cognition and Learning

- Careful chunking of instructions
- Adequate time given to process and respond
- Modelling from adult or peer
- Provide step by step achievable outcomes
- Instructions given visually next to child (instructions on ipad/whiteboard)
- Modified keyboards textured keys, colour coded
- Use of dictation (e.g. talk to text on ipad)

Area of Need: Communication and Interaction

- Pre-teaching of new vocabulary prior to lesson
- Use of vocabulary word mats
- Careful use of language- not overwhelming the child with the amount of content of language
- Explicit teaching of new, key vocabulary
- Offer quiet space to work in if the classroom environment appears overwhelming to the child (use of a laptop which can be moved to a new space)
- Refer to topic specific vocabulary regularly throughout the session
- Allowing adequate time to respond to questions, use of think/pair/share

Area of Need: Social, Emotional and Mental Health

- Where appropriate, allowing movement/ sensory breaks to help regulation
- Use of familiar, trusted adults to support more vulnerable children
- Smaller group during GGW
- Adult support (someone who knows the child well) to be aware if dysregulation is increasing, put known strategies in place to enable child to become more regulated
- Understanding the importance of respecting the computing equipment

Area of Need: Physical and/or Sensory needs

- Demonstration of how to use equipment
- Resources modified- adult support to ensure safe handling use of equipment
- Adult has good understanding of child's fine motor skills and the impact this may have with keyboard, mouse skills etc
- Awareness of sensor needs (e.g. smell/ touch) and the impact/ increased anxiety this may cause the child
- Clear start and end point to the activity
- Visual modifying screen provided if child is visually sensitive
- Colour laminate covers to be provided if child visually sensitive to glare