

## The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy

## Kernow Learning

**Building Excellent Schools Together** 

## **Vision statement**

We Belong to Team Bishops' where through our Christian distinctiveness and nurturing ethos we celebrate our differences. We Believe that we will achieve through inspirational, exciting and challenging learning, that utilises our natural environment. We Aspire to create endless possibilities for our pupils and to make a positive contribution to society. We Achieve by enabling every child to flourish academically, spiritually and emotionally.

At The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy, our immersive and enquiry-based curriculum incorporates adaptations that include the needs of all learners. Children's needs are well understood and adjustments to provision are in place. All staff have high expectations, which ensures children aspire to be successful in their learning and make good progress.

| Specific Area<br>of Need                                 | How we ensure that 'everyone succeeds'   |  |
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| Communication and interaction                            |  |  |
| Speech,<br>language and<br>communication<br>needs (SLCN) | <ul> <li>✓ Provide a range of ways to evidence their learning including:<br/>photographs, diagrams, labels to stick onto pictures, frames,<br/>posters, presentations (oral and visual), working in groups, verbal<br/>contributions, practical experiments and observations, matching<br/>activities etc.</li> <li>✓ Provide visual representations which may be used to give<br/>instructions and to structure the sessions</li> <li>✓ Provide repetition of key vocabulary and pre-teaching to check<br/>understanding of definitions.</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ Break tasks into small chunks and give instructions in order. Ask them to repeat back instructions to show they've understood.  |  |
| Autism<br>(ASD)  | Depending on the child and their specific needs, children on the<br>Autism Spectrum may benefit from:<br>✓ Group work (they may be given a role within the group that<br>they have chosen or can observe)<br>✓ One-to-one TA support – children can complete the experiment<br>with tailored support<br>✓ Preparation if there will be loud noises/mess etc<br>✓ Being allowed to meet their own sensory needs e.g.: wash<br>hands/give themselves distance if required<br>✓ Use annotated photographs as evidence – scribe if needed.<br>✓ Avoid the need for copying information<br>✓ Be aware that the child may have rigid expectations of the<br>structure of the lesson and changes may cause anxiety.<br>✓ Use of visual prompts, showing the order to carry out a<br>sequence of activities for a certain process. |  |

| Tourette<br>Syndrome  | <ul> <li>✓ Make sure it is clear exactly what is expected, how long they should spend on the task, e.g. dots to show how much you would like them to write or an example of `what finished looks like' and provide a clear deadline.</li> <li>✓ Depending on frequency and severity of tics, some experiments may need to be adapted to accommodate spillage and experiments will be carefully supervised.</li> <li>✓ Provide a structure (schedule/tick list) to assist with planning, organisation, time management and initiation of tasks.</li> <li>✓ Motor tics of their eyes, head or neck may interfere with reading and affect their handwriting or the ability to write for prolonged periods of time</li> </ul>  |
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|   | Cognition and learning   |
| Moderate<br>learning<br>difficulties<br>(MLD); Severe<br>learning<br>difficulties<br>(SLD);<br>Profound and<br>multiple<br>learning<br>difficulties<br>(PMLD)<br>Dyslexia | <ul> <li>Allow a range of ways for children to explain an experiment/results including in words, pictures, comparisons to real-life situations and contextualisation</li> <li>Provide a range of ways for children to record their learning including: scaffolds or frames, photographs, diagrams, labels to stick onto pictures, posters, presentations (oral and visual), working in groups, verbal contributions, practical experiments and observations, matching activities, mind maps etc.</li> <li>Use a digital camera to capture each stage of an investigation, or important findings on a field trip, for future reference. Images can also be used to build a visual record</li> <li>Build up a chart (using a wallchart or other space) to show the focus of each lesson and how successive lesson topics link together to develop understanding of an area of science work; this could include symbols, images or objects to make it more accessible</li> <li>New vocabulary selected for the key words and explicitly taught in pre-teach.</li> <li>If in line with support plan and or EHCP, consider giving the child a work 'buddy'.</li> <li>Use of visual prompts, showing the order to carry out a sequence of activities for a certain process.</li> <li>Include flow charts, illustrations, and diagrams to break up large sections of text or to demonstrate a particular procedure</li> <li>Many learners with dyslexia have strong visual and spatial reasoning skills. They tend to better understand science concepts that are taught through manipulative or visual teaching strategies.</li> <li>Using lots of practical resources will be beneficial, where possible, try linking science to real life contexts that are practical and meaningful for the learner.</li> </ul> |
| Dyspraxia   | $\checkmark$ Give opportunity for working in groups to allow children to work  |
| (Developmental<br>co-ordination<br>disorder)  | to their strengths<br>✓ Experiments will be altered to allow access to all<br>✓ TA/Teacher support will be given where required  |

|             | $\checkmark$ Understand that the child may need to use special equipment   |
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|             | e.g.: looped scissors, rulers with handles etc and has access to these when needed   |
|             | $\checkmark$ Allow child to stand up when handling equipment.  |
|             | $\checkmark$ Demonstrate how to handle equipment until internalised and  |
|             | repeat as necessary  |
|             | ✓ Adapt equipment and expectations when motor skills are being<br>used e.g. recording of information; peer buddy within lessons;<br>specialist equipment available; Alternative methods of recording<br>using audio/visual resources; Reduction of requirement to use fine<br>motor skills such as pre-cut resources |
| Dyscalculia | The most difficult element for dyscalculia in science is recording accurately. To help we will:  |
|             | $\checkmark$ Give the child a pre-made graph with some data already completed  |
|             | ✓ Have a range of ways to show their learning including: scaffolds,<br>frames, photographs, diagrams, labels to stick onto pictures,<br>posters, presentations (oral and visual), working in groups, verbal<br>contributions, practical experiments and observations, matching<br>activities etc.                    |
|             | Social, emotional and mental health difficulties   |
| Trauma      | As with anxiety, trauma can stop a child learning in science due to  |
|             | associations e.g. sights, smells, textures –<br>√ Prepare the child regarding noises, mess etc. if the experiment<br>has the potential to trigger them.  |
|             | ✓ Allow the child to observe rather than participate if needed – in<br>group work, this could be allowing them to scribe, give<br>instructions etc. to be involved in the experiment without handling  |
|             | the ingredients/equipment.<br>✓ Safety aspects related to science experiments and equipment<br>will need to be risk assessed for some learners with SEMH needs.  |
| ADHD        | ✓ Practical activities – science lessons have practical activities at<br>their heart – if a child needs support for this, the classroom TA to<br>be on hand to HELP (but not lead) the activity.   |
|             | <ul> <li>✓ Ensure instructions are delivered clearly and step by step. Ask<br/>the child to repeat or have them written on a prompt sheet.</li> <li>✓ Allow some activities where learners with ADHD are allowed to<br/>wark along</li> </ul>  |
| Anxiety     | work alone.<br>✓ Children are prepared BEFORE the science lesson – instructions  |
|             | for carrying out the experiment are given, and children are talked<br>through the steps, predictions are discussed beforehand, and<br>children are prepared for any reactions/noises/mess.   |
|             | $\checkmark$ Sometimes experiments go wrong and building resilience in this area is important.   |
|             | <ul> <li>✓ If the anxiety is around errors/disappointing a group/teacher,<br/>children are reassured</li> </ul>  |

|  | $\checkmark$ Being allowed to meet their own sensory needs e.g.: wash hands/give themselves distance if required  |
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|  | Sensory and/or physical needs   |
| Hearing  |   |
| impairment<br>(HI)   | <ul> <li>Provide written and pictorial instructions</li> <li>Allow discussion and sharing of ideas to build verbal skills</li> <li>Have group members face the child when sharing</li> <li>Videos or films need to be captioned (e.g. Explorify)</li> <li>Use of visual signals or cues part of risk assessment for practical experiments or investigations.</li> <li>Adult modelling to wear hearing loop box or ensure that aids are on the correct setting.</li> </ul>   |
| Visual<br>impairment<br>(VI) or Multi-<br>sensory<br>impairment<br>(MSI) | <ul> <li>✓ Familiarise the child with the equipment being used beforehand <ul> <li>let them feel the equipment and create an image in their mind.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discuss the experiment beforehand and prepare the child for any noises/textures.</li> <li>✓ The child will complete the experiment with support given by TA/teacher as needed.</li> <li>✓ Provide a range of ways to show their learning including: scaffolds, frames, photographs, diagrams, labels to stick onto pictures, posters, presentations (oral and visual), working in groups, verbal contributions, practical experiments and observations, matching activities etc.</li> <li>✓ We will explain the representation to the child and scribe responses to experiment, predictions beforehand etc.</li> <li>✓ Use of auditory signal part of risk assessment for practical experiments or investigations</li> </ul>   |
| Physical<br>disability   | <ul> <li>Give opportunity for working in groups to allow children to work to their strengths</li> <li>Experiments will be altered to allow access to all</li> <li>TA/Teacher support will be given where required</li> <li>Understand that the child may need to use special equipment e.g.: looped scissors, rulers with handles etc and has access to these when needed</li> <li>Allow child to stand up when handling equipment.</li> <li>Demonstrate how to handle equipment until internalised and repeat as necessary</li> <li>Hand over hand demonstrations for new experiences.</li> <li>Adapt equipment and expectations when motor skills are being used e.g. recording of information; Adjustable height desks or standing desks can be used; peer buddy within lessons; specialist equipment available; Alternative methods of recording using audio/visual resources; Reduction of requirement to use fine motor skills such as pre-cut resources</li> </ul> |
| Sensory<br>processing<br>needs   | <ul> <li>✓ Use of gloves or PPE to minimise overstimulation on skin.</li> <li>✓ Allow child to wear ear defenders during experiments that may include loud noises.</li> </ul>   |

| <ul> <li>✓ Pre-warning of explosions or loud noises, giving the child an opportunity to watch from further back.</li> <li>✓ Working near an open window if experiments include strong smells or fumes that may be overpowering.</li> </ul> |
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