

Monkshouse Primary Academy

Dyspraxia Friendly Environment

- We help hand-eye coordination by;
 - Practicing handwriting in multi-sensory ways.
 - Using pencil grips, writing lines and stencils.
 - Using writing slopes to raise the page.
 - Allowing loose-fit easy on/easy off clothing and velcro fastenings.
 - Providing easy to use equipment such as easy-grip cutlery and scissors.
- We help with attention and concentration difficulties by;
 - Planning activities which appeal to a child's interests.
 - Trying to avoid disturbing a child when on task.
 - Using natural light as much as possible and avoiding fluttering bulbs.
 - Giving children their own workspace and equipment if needed.
- We help children understand new concepts by using visual representations.
- We help children organise themselves by;
 - Having visual step-by-step lists on desks to tick off.
 - Giving children personal visual timetables if needed.
 - Giving step-by-step instructions, one at a time if needed.
- We help children to communicate clearly by;
 - Saying their name before giving instructions.
 - Using simple language and visual prompts.
 - Giving children time to process information.
 - Having a multi-sensory approach to learning and demonstrating.
- We help children to explain and retell by;
 - Drawing pictures or comic strips to help sequence events.
 - Using closed questions rather than open-ended ones.
- We help children develop social skills by;
 - Labelling personal belongings.
 - Role play scenarios with social scripts.
 - Have consistent classroom and playground rules.
 - Use social stories to explain social rules and expected behaviour.
- We help children to be creative and imaginative by;

Using role play and drama to explore different scenarios.

Use visual timelines to fix events in children's minds.

Teach 'concrete' and 'abstract' by making them relevant to experience.

- We teach children to be flexible by;
Using visual timetables.
Giving them lots of notice and explanations of any changes.
- We deliver sensory circuits to help develop motor coordination.