

Things to do Checklist

Use this checklist for essential classroom planning, prior to the pupils arriving at your classroom.

Organising a classroom:

- Finalise the classroom seating plan.
- Prepare all the appropriate text books and educational resources.
- Collect the stationery, exercise books, writing equipment etc.
- Label shelves and cupboards where all books and equipment can be found.
- Create an inspiring classroom with relevant curriculum displays.
- Choose class monitors to distribute and collect equipment.

Managing your classes:

- Know your classroom routines including entry and exit procedures.
- Know your behaviour management strategies.
- Know and display the classroom rules in a prominent position.
- Finalise the classroom rewards system.
- Know your Wave 1, 2 and Wave 3 strategies and when to apply them.
- Build strategies in to your toolkit.
- Finalise the classroom consequences

Optimising teaching and learning:

- Decide how to inform pupils about the lesson objectives.
- Decide how to inform pupils about learning outcomes.
- Differentiate lesson content to cater for all abilities.
- Plan lessons which include a range of learning styles.
- Know how best to maintain the pace and quality of learning.
- Decide how to mark and evaluate work and give positive feedback to pupils.

What do you need to know about Learning Styles?

Different children respond to different learning styles.

Who are the Kinaesthetic learners?

Kinaesthetic learners are pupils who learn by doing things.

They enjoy:

- 'Hands on' and practical tasks.
- Using mathematical and scientific apparatus.
- Experiments and demonstrations.
- Computer related tasks.
- Being involved in role play, musical and art related activities.

Who are the Visual learners?

Visual learners prefer to learn by looking at things and watching demonstrations.

They enjoy:

- Written tasks.
- Using worksheets.
- Colouring in, designing and producing illustrations.
- Reading individually.
- Using books, magazines, journals etc..
- Observing and responding to class presentations on interactive whiteboards, OHP's, CD roms, video's, computer related tasks etc.
- Please note : Visual learners sometimes have poor listening skills.

Who are the Auditory learners?

Auditory learners prefer to learn by listening, in all its forms.

They enjoy:

- Discussions and debates.
- Listening to audio tapes, music recordings etc.
- Talking and working at the same time.
- Using phonetic spelling sounds.
- Musical sounds and rhythm.