How does Ludlow Primary School provide for SEND pupils across the curriculum?



Our philosophy on supporting SEND pupils:

- All pupils are equally valued and the shared responsibility of all staff who understand the differing needs of each individual.
- Our curriculum drivers have been devised to support all our pupils in cultivating skills, values and knowledge we have identified as areas our pupil need to develop.
- All children have skills, talents and abilities. We encourage all our pupils to "Aim High" and we have a responsibility to ensure that every pupil has the appropriate teaching, learning and nurturing support to reach their potential.
- All pupils are entitled to a relevant and challenging education designed to enable individual pupils to participate fully in society and to contribute to and benefit from it.
- Many pupils may experience difficulties which may affect their learning and therefore may have Special needs at some time in their school career making a fluid SEND register with essential regular monitoring and assessment for all children.
- To maximise potential, education should be an equal partnership between parents, pupils and staff with the involvement of other agencies when necessary.

This is how ensure all children can access the curriculum:

- Differentiated ability groupings, however provision for flexibility to enable children to work with different people over the course of time, depending on their skills/confidence in the different focuses.
- Children who have SEN or EAL needs are taught key vocabulary prior to/at the start of the topic
- Seating children alongside good role models to support one another
- Visual/practical prompts and/or resources. e.g. printing important slides from flipcharts to put by the side of the child, writing frames, use of Widget to provide children with text and picture prompts.
- Tasks are broken down into small chunks with visual reminders (task board checklist)
- Give children short breaks in between learning
- Consistent practice by all staff (for continuity and to avoid stress for the child)
- Teaching lessons using a range of different techniques.
- More frequent repetition and revisiting to help make it stick and develop confidence
- Immediate intervention/Pre-teaching in response to/in preparation for learning
- Resources to scaffold/model learning and enable pupils to access curriculum
- Quality first teaching with specific reference to SEND pupils in planning
- Recognition of a different pace requirement small groups
- Children who are unafraid to ask for help

This is how it works:

- Reactive planning using IEP targets then learning assistant/teacher assessment on a day-today basis
- Teachers use assessment and discussions with colleagues to determine appropriate initial entry point for each child. We use smaller steps IEP targets to recognise what they have achieved what they need to learn next. Children all have the opportunity to be further challenged within a lesson. All learning tasks are linked to the others not just different tasks.

- Fluidity between lessons recognising that children have different strengths and weaknesses.
- Small focussed groups/1-1 learning assistant/teacher support throughout school.
- High expectations
- Close liaising between SENDCo, teachers, learning assistants, the child and their parents/carers and other agencies
- Use of resources: kinaesthetic and concrete learning opportunities to make learning relevant in addition to practical aids such as coloured paper/overlays and wobble cushions.
- Breakfast club, after school clubs, lunchtime support
- Opportunities for Paired learning/Mixed ability learning
- Remodelling of targets/interventions which aren't working. If not, why not?
- Use of external agencies to support us.

This is how we support:

- Individual assessments completed by outside agencies are read to ascertain children's strengths and weaknesses. These assessments are shared with all staff working with this child.
- Rewards and motivators
- Our planning documents include discrete focus on SEND/Free school meals (FSM)/pupil premium funded (PP) children
- Positive use of mistakes/misconceptions-learning environment
- Regular book scrutiny, learning walks, planning audits, pupil perceptions, staff audit with a focus on SEND pupils
- Whole school professional development
- Regular opportunities for parental meetings/support and communication in all year groups plus parental knowledge that they can request additional meetings at any time
- Family support, well being interventions, drop-in sessions, targeted groups and individual sessions (e.g. ELSA and some of the other interventions that Kim / Ruth do)

This is what you might typically see:

- Happy, engaged and proud learners
- Encouraging and nurturing adults
- Interventions led by experienced staff members, often with specific training and expertise
- Open ended tasks low threshold/high ceiling tasks
- A culture of it being okay to use resources/ask for further help.
- Paired/group work
- A range of different activities including practical and use of technology
- Engagement and perseverance
- Self-motivated children
- Children talking about, sharing and reflecting on their learning

This is how we know how well our pupils are doing:

- Tracking (Scholarpack, intervention records and class RAPS (Raising Attainment Plans)
- Pupil progress meetings
- Teacher assessment/ targets
- Marking and feedback (teacher, peer and self reflection)
- Photo evidence and recording of practical sessions annotated either by child (KS2) or teacher (KS1) so that the journey of learning is clear including mistakes/misconceptions
- Targeted use of learning assistants who note and record observations of individual children
- Monitoring of children's progress on their individual education plan (IEP) targets.

This is the impact of the teaching:

- Closing gaps and progress against a starting point
- Confident children who can talk about their learning
- Children who are enjoying their learning and look forward to coming to school

This is how we use intervention:

- Clear targets are highlighted and prioritised and small group/1-1 learning assistant support then put into place
- We use teacher and self-assessment to quickly identify any child who requires additional support in specific areas.
- Then they receive pre-teaching or immediate intervention to ensure they have sufficient skills in place to access the next teaching.

This is how we provide challenge and extra opportunities for our SEND pupils:

- Differentiation planned from very start of lesson
- Small group work to further challenge
- Invitations to participate in extra-curricular activities
- Opportunities to participate in inter-school challenges and events.