

SEND Newsletter

This half-term's focus is: The importance of visuals (Autumn 2 2023)



What do you need to know?

Visuals are useful for students with special educational needs (SEN) because they aid and enhance communication.

They provide an alternative mode of communication for children with speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN). Visuals can help to provide structure and routine, improve understanding, avoid frustration, and offer opportunities to interact with others. Visual aids help children to understand information quicker and, on a deeper level, remember what they've learnt, and communicate more quickly and easily.

Uses of visual supports

Visual supports can be used in a range of ways, for example:

- As a single message, eg the person takes a yellow card from their pocket when they need to go to the toilet, or a puts purple card on the board when they're feeling stressed.
- In combination to create a daily timetable or schedule.
- To make a choice, eg the person can put the trampolining symbol in the 'afternoon' area of the board.
- To illustrate a social story or comic strip conversation.

Useful websites for further reading:

<https://www.teachearlyyears.com/a-unique-child/view/sen-using-visuals>

<https://kidsandlifet.com/visual-supports-for-kids-how-and-why-to-use-them/>





Celebrating Success

Autumn 2



Amelia in reception

She is using a lot more vocabulary and now uses up to 4 word sentences. She has made improvements when she follows instructions outside of her daily routine.

Well done Amelia!



Blake in Year 2

Blake has improved massively when being asked to follow instructions. She is listening to the full instruction before setting off to follow it.

Well done Blake!

