

SUPPORTING LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION AT CLIFTON

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY NEWSLETTER

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The Communication Newsletter will be shared each half-term by Sam and Beki. The Newsletter will include key strategies, resources and information that you can use to support student's language and communication skills in school. Sam is currently completing the Elklan 11-16s Course and will be sharing key messages, and ideas along the way too. Please just ask if you have any queries. Beki is in school each Wednesday.

THEME OF THE TERM

Each term, we are going to focus on one area of language and communication. This term is all about creating a communication friendly environment, with a key focus on attention and listening skills, and memory.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Have you completed The 'Communication Creator Checklist'? We all know that the way we interact affects how students communicate. Sam has shared a 'Communication Creator Checklist' with you to help explore your communication style. Please complete and return this to Sam by 16th November 2023.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Our resource of the month goes to 'Task Plans'. Task plans are a visual resource that provide a clear reference that the student can go back to once they begin a task and help them to remember and process the verbal instruction. You can find the Task Plan template on the staff drive.



DID YOU KNOW?

.Our short term memory lasts only a few seconds- some say as little as 2 seconds!

Poor working memory is the strongest indicator of academic achievement and affects all aspects of learning across the curriculum. Poor working memory affects 1 in 10 students. It can feel like 'going in one ear and out the other' and once the information has gone, it's gone! We can help students by differentiating the task, using memory aids, task plans and increasing self-help skills. For more information, please ask Sam and Beki.