



SEN Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term, with many more exciting things planned from Chinese New Year celebrations, to Young Voices, World Book Day to our next SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon!

SENCo

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SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon

Please come along to our next Parent Coffee Afternoon all about the joy of reading!

You will get the chance to talk about what makes reading at home tricky and share any helpful tips, explore the range of books in our school library and finish by read with your child whilst enjoying a selection of yummy biscuits!



SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon
25th February 2025 2:45pm

Book and a Biscuit!

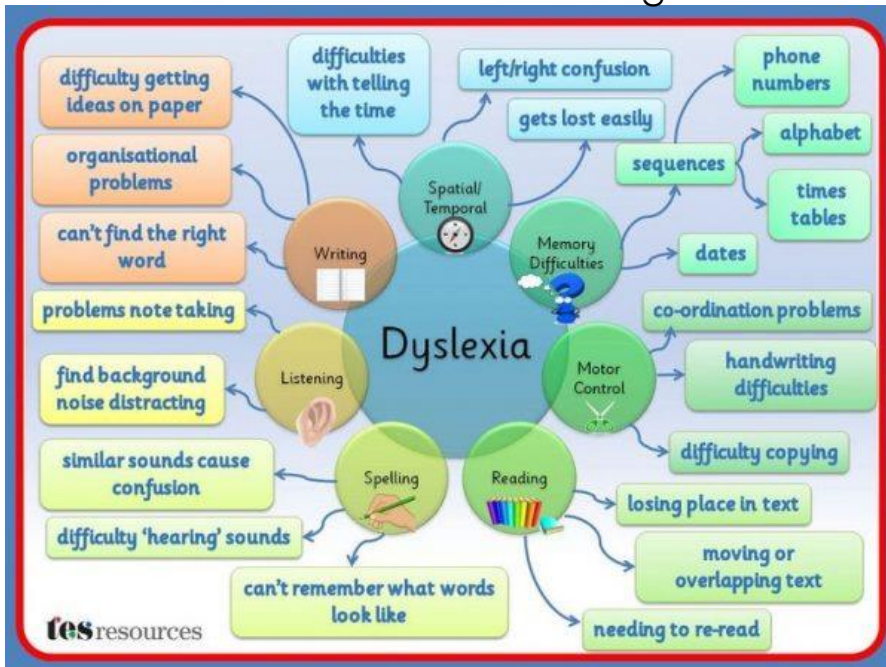
Why is reading important?
Tips for reading at home
Come along and share a book and a biscuit with your child

Please email Mrs Wallace (SENCo) at
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for more information

Spotlight focus...

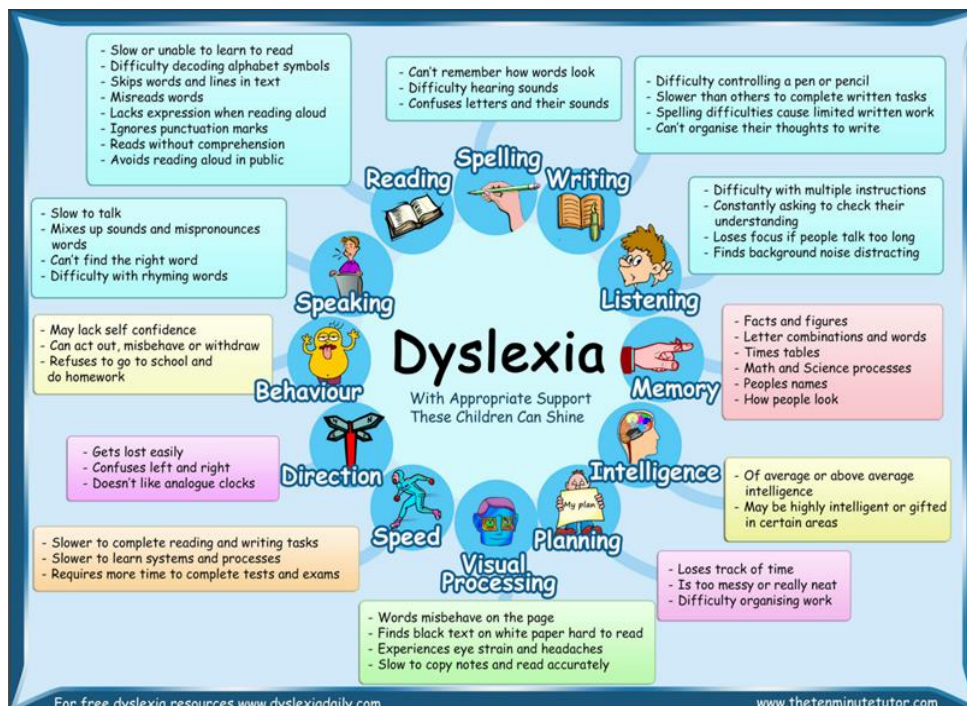
Dyslexia

If you suspect your child may be Dyslexic, there are many signs to look for. School staff are trained to look for these signs too.



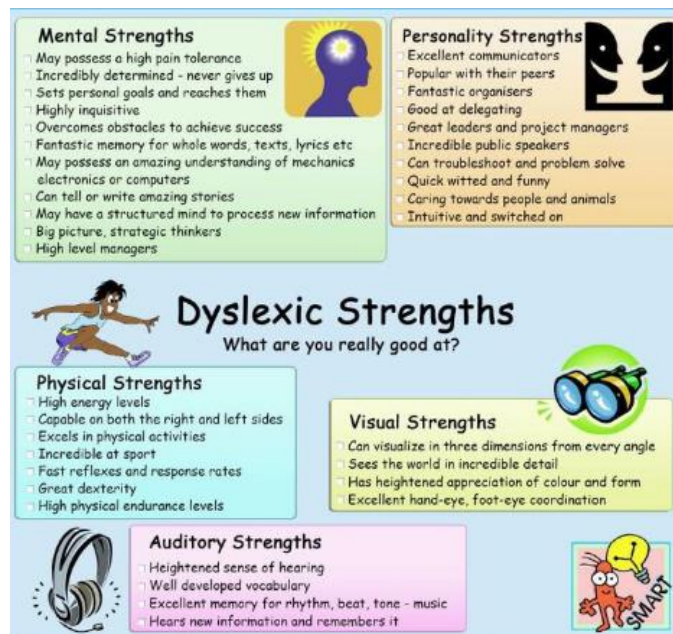
If we (or you) believe that a child may be Dyslexic, then we will do a Dyslexia Screener in school. It is important to note, that this is **not** a formal diagnosis but will indicate whether or not a child has traits of Dyslexia.

What is Dyslexia?



Dyslexia is known as a SpLD (Specific Learning Difficulty). SpLD's affects that way information is learnt and processed. This is neurological (rather than psychological) and occurs independently of intelligence. They have a significant impact on the acquisition of literacy skills (BDA 2016).

Dyslexia affects the way information is processed, stored and retrieved, with problems of memory, speed of processing, time perception, organisation and sequencing. Some may also have difficulty navigating a route, left and right and compass directions. (BDA – 2016)



Mental Strengths

- May possess a high pain tolerance
- Incredibly determined - never gives up
- Sets personal goals and reaches them
- Highly inquisitive
- Overcomes obstacles to achieve success
- Fantastic memory for whole words, texts, lyrics etc
- May possess an amazing understanding of mechanics electronics or computers
- Can tell or write amazing stories
- May have a structured mind to process new information
- Big picture, strategic thinkers
- High level managers

Personality Strengths

- Excellent communicators
- Popular with their peers
- Fantastic organisers
- Good at delegating
- Great leaders and project managers
- Incredible public speakers
- Can troubleshoot and problem solve
- Quick witted and funny
- Caring towards people and animals
- Intuitive and switched on

Physical Strengths

- High energy levels
- Capable on both the right and left sides
- Excels in physical activities
- Incredible at sport
- Fast reflexes and response rates
- Great dexterity
- High physical endurance levels

Visual Strengths

- Can visualize in three dimensions from every angle
- Sees the world in incredible detail
- Has heightened appreciation of colour and form
- Excellent hand-eye, foot-eye coordination

Auditory Strengths

- Heightened sense of hearing
- Well developed vocabulary
- Excellent memory for rhythm, beat, tone - music
- Hears new information and remembers it

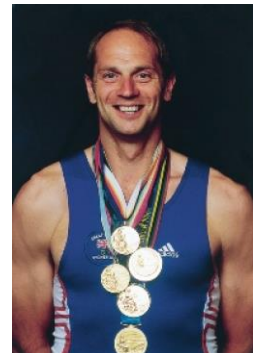
Dyslexic Strengths
What are you really good at?

Here is a link to the CBBC Newsround Special – My Dyslexic Mind

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/20783005>

Many well-known, successful people have spoken publicly about their Dyslexia, including:

- Jamie Oliver
- Rob Beckett
- Keira Knightley
- Sir Steve Redgrave



Find a free parent guide below:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children/sign-up-for-your-free-guide-for-parents-download>