Differentiation Ideas

Matched with

Needs

- Prepare a series of shorter tasks
- Break instructions down clearly and concisely
- Use basic language- no ambiguous words
- Provide a scaffold for creative writing to guide students.
- instructions
- Avoid unnecessary copying from the board
- Avoid white on black print (on paper and on the board)
- Provide students a bank of key words at the beginning of the term/lesson
- Give students time to answer verbal questions
- Repeat instructions throughout the lesson
- Use kinesthetic (multi-sensory) teaching approaches
- Limit text on worksheets
- Highlight key words on worksheets
- Focus on one or two outcomes for a lesson
- Encourage students to use highlighters when skimming and scanning
- Allow only essential equipment on desks to reduce fiddling
- Incorporate visuals where possible
- Sit at the front of the class where there is less distraction
- Encourage verbal feedback
- Break longer tasks into manageable chunks
- Recap on key concepts as often as possible
- Provide students with plenty of examples
- Give consideration to text size
- Provide students with summary of instructions/methods wherever possible

Poor attention and concentration

Weak expressive language skills

Specific learning difficulties (Dyslexia)

Poor short term memory

Difficulties with reading comprehension

Poor organisational difficulties

Weak literacy skills