SEND NEWSLETTER

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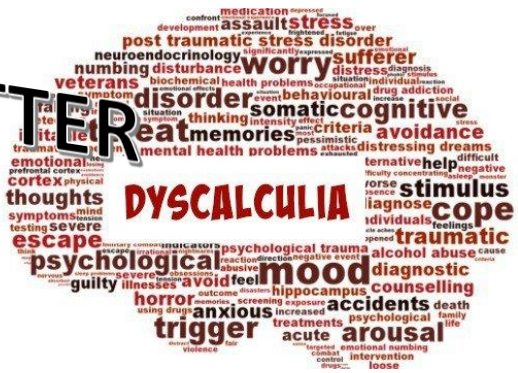

Dyscalculia:

Dyscalculia is a common learning issue that impacts children's ability to do math. It doesn't just affect them at school, however. The challenges can also create difficulties in daily life. The good news is there are various supports and strategies that can help children gain the skills they need.

Signs of Dyscalculia:

- Has difficulty learning and recalling basic math facts, such as 2 + 4 = 6.
- Still uses fingers to count instead of using more advanced strategies (like mental math).
- Struggles to identify math signs like + and − and to use them correctly.
- Has a tough time understanding math phrases, like greater than and less than.
- Has trouble with place value, often putting numbers in the wrong column.
- Struggles with math concepts like commutativity (3 + 5 is the same as 5 + 3) and inversion (being able
- to solve 3 + 26 − 26 without calculating).
- Has a tough time understanding math language and coming up with a plan to solve a math problem.
- Has trouble keeping score in sports games and gym activities.
- Has difficulty figuring out the total cost of things and often runs out of money on his lunch account.
- May avoid situations that require understanding numbers, like playing games that involve math.

If you feel that your child displays any of these signs, take notes and record dates and observations. Compiling evidence is the best thing to support your child and teacher.

Mrs Kerr returned to school at the start of this term and already lots of you have had discussions related to SEND. Please continue to discuss matters as they arise.

Message from Mrs Moody:

Mrs Kerr and Miss Sherry are working hard to develop the provision for your children in school. Please always remember if you have any questions or queries that you are welcome to approach one of them, Mr Rotherham or myself and we will do our best to help.

Also remember the SEN page on our school website and Telford and Wrekin SEND web page http://www.telfordsend.org.uk have lots of useful information.

Message from Miss Sherry: It has been a pleasure working alongside so many of our parents and getting to know your children more. Thank you very much for your time and efforts to support the school in improving the SEND provision.

Future Events:

Clicker 7 Workshop for Year 3 parents and those who are still interested will be on the **26th April 2018**. Slips must be returned to school to ascertain the feasibility of holding the workshop at the suggested times.

Return slips to Miss Sherry as soon as possible so confirmation can be given quickly. Many thanks!

Lynne Sherry

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