

DYSLEXIA AMBASSADORS ~

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wetherby

Rationale

As part of our work towards the accreditation of a Leeds Dyslexia Friendly School we wanted to engage the children in the process and capture 'pupil voice' regarding dyslexia.

Our Dyslexia Ambassadors are children who work alongside the SENCO to raise dyslexia awareness around school and to ensure that dyslexia friendly practices are happening everyday.

Aims

- For children with dyslexia to have a voice in school that is heard, listened to and acted upon.
- For staff and children to develop a deeper understanding & empathy about dyslexia.
- To raise the profile of dyslexia in school.
- To suggest ideas / changes to practices in school.

What We Do!

- Lead Assemblies.
- Work with Mrs Holmes.
- Help create Dyslexia Friendly information for school.
- Help to make sure our school and classrooms are Dyslexia Friendly.
- Support other children who have dyslexia.



Outcomes So Far..

- Whole school assembly where we spoke to all the pupils & staff about what it was like to have dyslexia, the difficulties & challenges that we face but also what helps us to succeed and feel confident.
- Presentation to parents at SEN Showcase Afternoon.
- After our Dyslexia Awareness Assembly everyone in school was able to explain what Dyslexia is. More importantly they recognised that Dyslexia is a learning difference not a learning difficulty and that people with dyslexia can do amazing things!

How We Feel Now...

- 'I used to feel stressed and worried about coming to school. I now feel happy that my teachers understand why I find some things difficult.'
- 'I used to worry that I wouldn't be able to do the work. Now I have lots of different resources to help me in class.'
- 'I used to hate English. Now I love English and think that I am a good writer.'
- 'I would get angry and now want to do my work. Now I'm more confident.'
- 'I felt depressed that I couldn't do the things that my friends could. I feel better in class now because my friends understand that my brain works differently.'