



SPECIALIST UNIT | COGNITION AND LEARNING



School

SET Causton Junior

Specialist Unit

Cognition and Learning (Robins)

Number of places

18

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Description of Unit

This 18 place unit caters for children with moderate learning difficulties who are in receipt of an EHCP. We have a structured learning room and an Early Years styled room for children with cognition and learning difficulties in Years 3-6. Numbers are fluid and children move to structured learning when they are ready. The group have 2 teachers and 4 teaching assistants who all have a wealth of experience with children with additional needs and partake in regular training from experts in and out of school. We use THRIVE to help with emotional resilience and literacy and we have dedicated support for speech and language for any child that needs it. The children all have access to forest schools weekly, and join in with their mainstream counterparts where this is possible. A play therapist supports the work of the unit and we aim for as many children as possible to benefit from a minimum of 6 x 1-1 sessions with her.

Overview

Children arrive from 8.30-8.55am in the morning and go straight to the specialist unit where breakfast is offered. Learning starts at 8.55 and the class follow a structured timetable. The children have snack at 10.00 as social skill are very important to develop, they then go to play with the rest of the school with the support of familiar teaching assistants. All of the children and the adults eat together at 11.45am in the canteen and children can then go to lunch play with the rest of the school. Children have access to the unit should they need it during this break. Learning resumes in the afternoon at 1pm with gym train for all to aid co-ordination. Children leave the site between 3pm. Adults share the learning with parents using SEESAW and we assess using SEND Inspire for those that are not ready for the national curriculum.

Children wear the same uniform as the mainstream school but we cater to individual children with high sensitivities to fabric and clothes. On a Wednesday afternoon the children take part in Enrichment activities alongside all pupils in school. We organise trips and activities for the unit but still encourage children to join in mainstream trips with support where appropriate, ie, the Year 6 residential.

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