

Pedagogy Newsletter #31

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Dear all,

At Piper's Vale Primary Academy we have been looking at the advantages and disadvantages of 'responsive teaching'. '**What is Responsive Teaching**' by **Harry Fletcher Wood** is a great book that offers many strategies to assist teachers in the way that they adapt to the needs of their students.

Responsive teaching is the moment-to-moment decisions that you make as you observe and analyse your students' behaviours:

Now it's time to teach! You've planned your learning tasks to hair-splitting detail. But are you prepared for when your students shift your instruction down a different path? Effective teaching requires your ability to observe your students and then turn your instruction in the direction that your student need. This is called responsive teaching.

No matter how well you plan and structure learning tasks, it is the one-on-one interactions that inform the power and effectiveness in your teaching. The key to effective teaching is your ability to make different decisions for different students at different times. You want to teach the child, not the book or program (<https://fpblog.fountasandpinnell.com/what-is-responsive-teaching/>).

Responsive teaching is:

1. Setting clear goals and planning learning carefully
2. Identifying what students have understood and where they are struggling
3. Responding, adapting our teaching to support students to do better

Read more here:

<https://improvingteaching.co.uk/2018/06/03/what-is-responsive-teaching/>

Kind Regards,

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