

ACTIVE ENGLISH TRAINING

10th and 17th June 2021

Whole School Training

I attended both the training sessions on Active English along with all of the teachers and Teaching Assistants. This was delivered by two teachers from the Witham St Hugh's Academy .which developed the scheme

Active English is an approach for teaching grammatical understanding to primary-aged pupils. It uses the principles of mnemonics to embed the learning in an active and engaging way, providing pupils with a deeper and active grasp of language that serves as a foundation for their future. Active English is largely aimed at years 1 to 4, but the elements can be used flexibly across all the year groups to meet the needs of pupils. What is important is that there is a whole-school approach, with all teachers and teaching assistants being supported to implement the programme consistently across the school.

Session 1 largely focused on the teaching of the sentence construction using nouns, verbs, tenses etc. . . This was supplemented by the use of various resources including flash cards. We also had a look at some National Curriculum test papers.

Session 2 looked at creative writing, recall and learn, Read and respond, create and reflect, phonics, differentiation, assessment. The session ended with planning and a lively Q and A with our staff.

I found both sessions enlightening and informative and did give me an insight into the teaching of English across the year groups.

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