

# Supporting Children With Dyspraxia And Motor Coordination Difficulties

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### Dyspraxia 5-14

Written by a teenager with dyspraxia, this is a humorous and inspiring practical guide for young adults with dyspraxia and those around them trying to get to grips with the physical, social and psychological chaos caused by developmental co-ordination disorders (DCDs). In her own conversational style, Victoria Biggs explains the primary effects of dyspraxia - disorganization, clumsiness and poor short-term memory - as well as other difficulties that dyspraxic teenagers encounter, such as bullying and low self-esteem. Peppered with personal stories from other teens, this award-winning book offers down-to-earth advice on a wide range of adolescent issues, from puberty, health and hygiene to family life and making friends. The new edition includes an update from the author on her university and work experiences and how dyspraxia affects her now as an adult. Her positive approach and profound empathy with others in her situation make this book a must-read.

### Dyspraxia

This comprehensive book provides all the information that practitioners need to know about assessment in relation to their

pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties. The why, how and what of assessment is addressed, whilst the link between assessment and intervention is also a key focus. Looking at the full range of Specific Learning Difficulties, this book provides practical guidance on implementing strategies that are tried and tested for use in any classroom, whilst also acknowledging that assessment is a process involving other professionals and parents. Addressing issues and topics common in inclusive classrooms around the world, key topics covered include: Specific Learning Difficulties in context Teacher Assessment in literacy, numeracy and movement Motor development and co-ordination Attention factors in learning The key issues on learning differences Self-esteem and emotional literacy How to enhance skills and the self-sufficiency of teachers Assessing Children with Specific Learning Difficulties will be an invaluable guide for classroom teachers, learning support departments, psychologists and other professionals.

## **'Hands On' Dyspraxia**

The term Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) is used to describe a group of children who have difficulty with tasks involving movement such that it interferes with their daily living or academic progress. As with other developmental disorders such as autistic spectrum disorder, attention deficit disorder and dyslexia, DCD is now a prominent concern of both researchers and practitioners. This text is aimed at both researchers and professionals who work in a practical manner with the condition and includes professionals in health, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, health visitors, paediatricians, and - in the educational field - teachers and others who are in daily contact with the children - their parents. The essence of the text is that work with children should be guided by research evidence driving the clinical practice which in turn raises more questions for research. The authors in this text have both experience in research and are engaged in the day-to-day clinical work with children and bring both of these to bear in the chapters they have written.

## **Assessing Children with Specific Learning Difficulties**

This book clearly explains what Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) are, and describes the symptoms of conditions most commonly encountered in the mainstream classroom: dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, and OCD. The author provides an overview of the strengths and weaknesses commonly associated with each of these conditions, as well as practical suggestions for modifying teaching materials and methods to make learning enjoyable, effective and accessible for students. There are also dedicated chapters on helping students with SpLDs to develop effective revision skills and exam techniques. This straight-talking and accessible guide is ideal for teachers, teaching assistants, and those in school management who want to know more about supporting students with Specific Learning Difficulties.

## **Dyspraxia**

With a wealth of practical strategies for teaching and supporting students with dyspraxia aged from 11 years up to college or university level, this book addresses all aspects of learning and ways in which teaching can be tailored to the dyspraxic learner. By exploring dyspraxia and its physical, emotional, psychological and social impacts on learning, the author shares tried-and-tested strategies for ensuring that students with dyspraxia achieve their full potential. This book covers a wide range of topics, such as research and study skills, improving memory, teaching literacy, visual and auditory learning styles, dealing with sleeplessness, stress, low self-esteem and anxiety, and preparing for future employment. Teachers will have a greater understanding of dyspraxia, and feel confident in helping students with dyspraxia to overcome educational challenges. Teachers, lecturers, tutors and SENCOs will find this book useful, and it will also be of interest to students with dyspraxia who are looking for ways to help themselves with their school or university work.

## **The Parents' Guide to Specific Learning Difficulties**

This updated new edition is a practical guidebook for parents, teachers and other professionals supporting children with sensory and motor learning difficulties. It offers an understanding of developmental coordination disorder (DCD), and the impact that this can have in both home and school settings. Each chapter offers practical 'hands-on' strategies, activities and ideas for managing the effects of the condition as well as providing a sound medical and physiological understanding of the condition to facilitate access to education and everyday living. Each chapter contains: A clear explanation of potential challenges that people with DCD and coexisting conditions face, with an introductory definition, along with reference to current terminology Exploration of the implications of these challenges on home life, educational and social environments Practical strategies and ideas to help the child or young person reach their full potential Written by occupational therapists with extensive experience of DCD/dyspraxia and possible associated conditions, this book is structured in an accessible way, suitable for: parents, carers, teachers or health professionals seeking guidance for the young people they support. This is a must read for anybody looking to support children and young people with this often misunderstood condition.

## **Vera McLuckie and the Daydream Club**

Written by a teacher with many years' experience of teaching mathematics to primary school dyslexic and dyspraxic children with a wide range of abilities, this book is designed to be a practical teaching guide. It offers detailed guidance and specific teaching suggestions to all specialist teachers, support teachers, classroom teachers and parents who either directly teach mathematics to dyslexic and dyspraxic children or who support the mathematics teaching programmes of dyslexic or dyspraxic children. Although the book has grown out of teaching experience it is also informed by widely

acknowledged contemporary and international research, which explores the cognitive aspects of learning mathematics and tries to understand why it is that some children fail to learn mathematics. Many of the teaching principles described in the text have specific and quite far-reaching implications. The theoretical arguments should therefore also be of interest to special needs co-ordinators, heads of maths departments, head teachers or other professionals who are responsible for designing or modifying the maths learning programmes of children with special learning and maths difficulties. In more general terms, the book hopes to contribute to the broad discussion of the cognitive features and educational needs of dyslexic and dyspraxic children.

### **100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils with Dyspraxia and DCD**

Offers practical strategies and advice for helping children with coordination difficulties.

### **Supporting Children with Dyspraxia and Motor Co-ordination Difficulties**

Includes research findings about children with special needs and explains their implications for practice.

### **Teaching Gifted Children with Special Educational Needs**

'A wealth of ideas and opinions providing usable ways forward for colleagues in mainstream to best support their pupils with DCD. I can wholeheartedly recommend it' - Afasic News `This book has pulled together the expertise of a number of well-known professionals. We like the way Nichola Jones 'sets the scene', and outlines the child's main difficulties in the education environment [T]his is a very practical book offering plenty of ideas in an area where teachers often have less confidence to put a programme in place' - SATIPS `This is an accessible overview of issues pertaining to the inclusion of children and young people with Dyspraxia/developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD). Nichola Jones has drawn together contributions from a wider range of experts in the Dyspraxia field and produced a coherent account of how the needs of children can be met in ways that move beyond a focus solely based on individual interventions' - SENCO Update `This is both an interesting and very useful book for any primary practitioner. It also provides enough references and ideas to encourage professionals to investigate and learn more about Dyspraxia/developmental co-ordination disorder. This is a book that will fit perfectly on your bookshelf' - Special Needs Coordinators file Nichola Jones shows how to plan a whole school approach to including children with dyspraxia and developmental co-ordination disorder in this short and accessible guide. It offers those in managerial and supervisory roles within schools and special education support services clear guidance on successful models of provision that have worked successfully in schools and LEAs. By focusing on the key aspects of service delivery and drawing on well known specialists within the field, the book includes sections on: - planning

strategically for inclusive practice; - assessment; - handwriting; - gross motor programmes - adapting the PE curriculum; - supporting parents; - working with other agencies; - listening to the children involved. SENCOs, class teachers, LEA advisers and support agencies will find it an invaluable guide to successful inclusive practice. Visit the DCD Teacher Network website [here!](#)

## **Understanding Dyspraxia**

When working with children whose development is causing concern, it can be difficult to know how best to help. This practical guide to Dyspraxia and Neuro-Developmental Delay has been written to support all early years' professionals, as well as the non-specialist practitioner and parents or carers. The book includes: signs of Dyspraxia and Neuro-Developmental Delay, a guide to what is meant by these terms, practical ways to support and help the child and practical ways to support parents and carers.

## **Children with Developmental Coordination Disorder**

Charley always seemed to get into trouble, though he didn't mean to. He was getting fed up of going to school because he felt different from most of the other kids. Then he met his Aunty Bella. And everything changed. This illustrated children's story explains what it feels like to be a child who is different from other children. Charley seems to keep getting into trouble all the time for doing things wrong. While not labelled in the story, Charley has a specific learning difficulty. In particular, he shows dyspraxic (a.k.a. Developmental Coordination Disorder) tendencies such as clumsiness. It is Charley's specific learning difficulty that makes him feel different and therefore unhappy at school, because he doesn't understand it. Thankfully, when Charley learns he is not alone, things begin to get better for him. This book can be used with young children to discuss how neurodiversity (e.g. dyspraxia, dyslexia, ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome) is not a bad thing and that in fact it can have its strengths. This illustrated book helps parents, teachers, and other adults who support children, have a non-threatening discussion about specific learning difficulties with children of primary school age. Children find it easier to relate to, and discuss, the character in the story rather than have all the attention focused on them. Using the book as a catalyst for discussion, adults can use the illustrated story at home or in school with children who have a specific learning difficulty, or exhibit tendencies of one. Teachers can use the book to help classmates better understand their peers who may struggle with some things others don't (e.g. as illustrated by Charley's clumsiness in this story). Similarly, parents can use the book to help children better understand family members. You're So Clumsy Charley was originally published under the Funky Gerbil imprint in 2013. This Second Edition has had a change of typeface, along with the inclusion of some additional information for teachers/adults. This revised edition has been moved over to the Your Stories Matter imprint (under the same publisher). Charley was written by someone who is herself dyspraxic, and is based on both her own and

her daughter's experiences of being misunderstood. She wanted to help those children who continue to remain misunderstood. As with all of its books, the publisher aims to help people know they are not alone with what makes them different. If a young person or adult can relate to a story, it gives them hope and encourages them to share their concerns. The publisher aims to provide free teaching resources for all of its books that can be used in schools, to help improve understanding and celebrate differences.

## **Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Mathematics**

Helping Children with Dyspraxia provides clear and positive answers to the questions commonly asked by parents and teachers about behaviour, causes, identification and assessment associated with dyspraxia and discusses the range of possible therapeutic interventions. Drawing on her extensive experience of working with children with movement disorders and liaising with their mainstream schools, Maureen Boon shows how a therapeutic approach can benefit this group and how parents and teachers can actively participate in the child's therapy. She provides information and ideas for parents and teachers wanting to improve the child's movements and language abilities and thus increase their self-confidence and self-esteem. Helping Children with Dyspraxia is a concise yet comprehensive handbook for parents and professionals. Its clear structure and practical, positive advice will make it an invaluable resource for anyone involved with a dyspraxic child.

## **Supporting Children with Dyspraxia and Motor Co-ordination Difficulties**

This important new book documents a major breakthrough in the treatment of the three most widespread learning disabilities--ADHD, dyslexia, and dyspraxia ("clumsy child syndrome"). Although these conditions have reached epidemic proportions, treatment has been limited to ineffective behavioral therapies or the controversial prescription drug Ritalin. Now Dr. B. Jacqueline Stordy, a leading researcher in the field, reveals a stunning new treatment based on a simple nutritional supplement: LCP (long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids). The LCP Solution is the first book to describe this new natural treatment and to explain how children (and adults) can incorporate it into their daily lives. As a member of a family with a long history of dyslexia, Dr. Stordy discovered in a pioneering experiment that dyslexic and dyspraxic children who began taking a dietary supplement consisting of LCP experienced dramatic transformations in the quality of their lives. At the same time, parallel studies conducted at Purdue University came up with similar results with children who had ADHD. The effect of this dietary supplement was nothing short of revolutionary: after only a few weeks, dyslexic and ADHD children became calmer, more focused, easier to teach, while dyspraxics improved significantly in dexterity and balance, showing markedly less anxiety. In The LCP Solution, Dr. Stordy documents how this life-changing treatment came about and explains step-by-step how sufferers of each of the three major conditions can use it to change their lives at home, at school, and at work. Illuminating, vividly presented, and authoritative in its findings, this book will revolutionize our approach to

learning disabilities. LCPs are natural, simple to use, and amazing in their benefits. If you or someone you love suffers from a learning disability, this book is essential reading.

## **How to Understand and Support Children with Dyspraxia**

Drawing on their considerable experiences of the syndrome, as well as current research findings, the authors help teachers and other education professionals to better understand the needs of a dyspraxic child. Through practical strategies, they show how teachers can make all the difference to a child's ability to succeed in the classroom, and case studies show how parents, teachers and therapists can work together to facilitate learning. Whilst providing a unique insight and approach to the complex condition of dyspraxia, this lively, informative text also examines specific cases and scenarios, considering the perspectives of teachers and parents. It handles a range of crucial topics such as: \* issues surrounding diagnosis \* the developmental differences and characteristics of dyspraxia \* conventional and alternative intervention strategies \* an exploration of the pressure of families \* ways of improving home/school liaison. Teachers, SENCOs and other educational professionals will find this book provides a wealth of essential information and guidance, whilst parents will also find much to support them in the daily care and welfare of their child.

## **Beating Dyspraxia with a Hop, Skip and a Jump**

'The book is user-friendly and includes clear diagrams in each section, along with tables to outline key points. I found these very useful and they are an easy reference/ reminder, for example, they include a normal development chart, what assessments are available and their main aims.' - National Association of Paediatric Occupational Therapists When a child has a developmental delay affecting motor coordination and development the ramifications are far reaching, from the daily tasks of dressing and brushing your teeth, to learning to write and participating in sports. How to Help a Clumsy Child is a practical resource manual and 'how to help' book for parents of, or professionals working with, young children with motor coordination developmental delays. It covers a range of topics, including recognizing normal and abnormal motor development, when and how to seek help, an overview of approaches used to help the clumsy child, and specific teaching strategies appropriate for both parents and professional caregivers. Rather than focusing upon one specific frame of reference, Lisa Kurtz offers a diverse range of ways to manage motor coordination and development problems, and also discusses the controversial nature of therapy for these children. Multiple tables and lists serve as quick reference guides and the three appendices include extensive further reading and an invaluable contacts list, making this an essential resource for anyone caring for, or working with, children with developmental motor concerns.

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## **Developmental Dyspraxia**

### **Hands on Dyspraxia: Developmental Coordination Disorder**

This practical guide provides those working with dyspraxic and DCD children with 100 ideas of how to support and develop their learning. Lists cover the entire school age range and range from developing fine and gross motor skills to preparing children for the next stage of schooling or for future careers.

### **Dyspraxia in the Early Years**

Packed full of advice and practical strategies for parents and educators, this book is a one-stop-shop for supporting children with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs). Part one introduces a spectrum of SpLDs, ranging from poor working memory, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, through to ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Auditory Processing Disorder (APD),

Specific Language Impairment and Visual Processing Difficulty. It explains clearly what each difficulty is, how it can affect a child's learning and how to help a child to succeed despite their difficulties. Part two includes a host of tips, tools and strategies to support your child's efforts in areas such as reading, writing, spelling and handwriting, as well as advice on motivation, confidence and managing life's setbacks. Written by an experienced Educational Psychologist, this is the perfect guide for parents and carers who are looking for ways to support their child's learning, as well as for educators and teachers looking for advice on how to differentiate lessons and motivate pupils with SpLDs.

## **Dyspraxia in the Early Years**

Today there are more children than ever before in need of a variety of additional support needs, and many of these children have poor movement as a key contributory factor. Even in children with no specific 'label', movement is being found to be linked to learning, and educational professionals need to understand what is amiss and how to support children who do not meet their motor milestones at the correct time. The brand new topic areas featured in this comprehensive and practical new edition include: a discussion of terminology and labelling (in light of current inclusion guidelines) a range of age specific activities a section on the neurology of dyspraxia, showing the motor pathways that are energised and define motor competence a greater emphasis on balance, coordination and control examples from children of how movement is dependent on planning, sequencing and organising more practical activities that can form the basis of a programme to support the children. Practical strategies are provided throughout this authoritative book, so that teachers and other professionals can identify and understand movement difficulties, are empowered to support the children, and work effectively with the parents.

## **Understanding Motor Skills in Children with Dyspraxia, ADHD, Autism, and Other Learning Disabilities**

This text is about children with dyspraxia - developmental co-ordination disorders (DCD) - and what teachers and other professionals can do to promote their learning and their social inclusion in a mainstream setting. The author addresses issues which affect access to the curriculum in Key Stages 1 to 4 and offers strategies to support children which have proved effective to experienced practitioners and can be managed in a group or class context. A key component of the book is an understanding of the emotional and social needs of children with dyspraxia.

## **The LCP Solution**

Designed to give help and encouragement to teachers, educators and others working with or caring for young children with

dyspraxia. The book covers: understanding the condition and recognising the symptoms ; supporting the child and their carers ; implications for the classroom ; working with other professionals.

## **Helping Children with Dyspraxia**

This second edition of Madeleine Portwood's successful manual aims to give parents, teachers and health professionals the confidence to diagnose and assess dyspraxia. Most importantly, it offers them an intervention program that will significantly improve the cognitive functioning of the dyspraxic child or teenager. Updated in light of the author's new and extensive research, the book provides the reader with background information on the neurological basis of the condition; strategies for identification, diagnosis and assessment; proven programs of intervention that can be monitored by anyone closely involved with the child; strategies to improve curricular attainments; remediation activities to develop perceptual and motor skills; programs to develop self-esteem; and information about where to find help.

## **Caged in Chaos**

This informative and very practical book is intended to help parents and teachers equip children with dyspraxia, or developmental coordination disorder, with the strategies that will enable them to live as normal a life as possible with this hidden handicap. Examining the developmental path of the child through the early years at home, at nursery school, grade school, high school, and into adulthood, it offers special tips on how to encourage children with dyspraxia to improve their social skills and develop a strong self-esteem. Included is information about the causes and symptoms of dyspraxia, characteristics of the condition, diagnostic procedures, and a glossary of terms.

## **Meeting Special Needs: A practical guide to support children with Dyspraxia**

Completely revised and updated in light of the new SEND 2014 Code of Practice, this new edition supports teachers in making good provision for children and young people with a range of co-ordination difficulties. Offering practical tips and strategies on how to meet the needs of children and young people with dyspraxia and other coordination difficulties in a range of educational settings, this book features timesaving checklists, templates and photocopiable resources to support professional development. The wide-ranging and accessible chapters explore topics including: Identification of different types of motor co-ordination difficulties Implications for classroom practice Understanding core skill development Assessment practices Written by practitioners, for practitioners, it also contains a wealth of tried and tested strategies and provides clear best-practice guidance for developing outstanding provision in inclusive settings. Susan Coulter – Senior Support Teacher for the Education Service for Disability at Hull City Council, UK Lesley Kynman - Senior Support Teacher for

the Education Service for Disability at Hull City Council. UK Elizabeth Morling - SEN consultant and series editor Rob Grayson - Team Leader, Integrated Physical and Sensory Services at Hull City Council, UK Jill Wing - Senior Support Teacher, Integrated Physical and Sensory Services at Hull City Council, UK

## **How to help your Dyslexic and Dyspraxic Child**

In this text, the emphasis is placed on the theoretical aspects of developmental dyspraxia, the latest research data and the neurological basis of the condition. The focus is to enable professionals to diagnose the disorder and determine the most appropriate and effective methods of intervention.

## **You're So Clumsy Charley**

Children with dyspraxia often have reduced motor skills including balance, timing and coordination, as well as weak muscles - something recent research suggests may be not only a symptom but a cause of the condition. It is no wonder then, that they will do everything in their power to avoid gym class! By encouraging children with dyspraxia to take part in an easy and fun exercise program, teachers and parents can help them to overcome their symptoms, enjoy physical activities, and become as active as their friends and classmates. Geoff Platt's highly effective program aims to improve strength and fitness by focusing on familiar activities such as running, jumping and ball play. These simple exercises can be taught by anyone and no specialist supervision or equipment is required. This book demonstrates how regular exercise routines that are tailored specifically to the needs of children with dyspraxia can make a real difference, eliminating weakness by improving muscle activation, neural control and overall movement skills. This practical guide will be an essential resource for parents, Physical Education teachers, and other teachers of recreation and games classes who are looking to help children with dyspraxia to reduce weakness and improve motor skills.

## **How to Help a Clumsy Child**

This fully-updated second edition of Helping Children with Dyspraxia has been revised to reflect current practice and developments, providing clear and positive answers to questions commonly asked by parents and teachers about dyspraxia. Maureen Boon draws on her considerable experience of working with children with movement disorders to identify the characteristics of dyspraxia, explaining assessment procedures and identifying what can be done to help. New reflections appear on concepts such as physical literacy and whether or not incidence of dyspraxia has increased, and in an overview of the characteristics and causes of the condition, a comprehensive update on how it is identified and assessed is provided. Terminology is reviewed, and the full range of therapeutic interventions that are available are outlined. New case

studies and photographs are used to illustrate successful interventions in practice, and a helpful appendix with up-to-date details of useful publications, programmes, equipment and organisations is also included. Understanding Dyspraxia is a concise yet comprehensive handbook for parents and teachers. Its clear structure and practical, positive advice will make it an invaluable resource for anyone involved with a dyspraxic child.

## **The Dyspraxic Learner**

Vera McLuckie hates school. Mainly because she struggles with stuff the other kids find easy. Oh, and because she keeps getting into trouble for doing what she is really good at. Daydreaming. So when Vera gets the chance to show just how extraordinary she is, will she dare take on the coolest, smartest girl in the whole of Acorn Bank Primary? This is a children's story whose main characters happen to have Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Asperger's (not made explicit). Will relate to children who feel different and left out at school. The book's real purpose is one of catalyst to help parent and teacher discuss, with children in a respectful way, what it is like to have a learning difficulty. This book works on several levels. It is a lovely story in itself that most children will relate to, dealing as it does with lack of self-belief, peer pressure and the bullying that goes along with not necessarily being the most popular kid in class. These issues can be readily picked up in school and discussed in circle time and PSHE (citizenship) lessons. But it goes deeper. Whilst not named in the book explicitly, the three main characters exhibit dyspraxic, dyslexic and autistic (Asperger's Syndrome) tendencies respectively. So the story can be used by parents and teachers as a catalyst for discussing what it is like to have a learning difficulty. In schools, teachers can use the book on a one-to-one, group or class basis to help raise awareness and improve well-being. Both author and illustrator are keen to raise awareness of specific learning difficulties in a way accessible to children. The illustrator is herself autistic. The publisher – Your Stories Matter – is dedicated to publishing books that share experiences, improve understanding and celebrate differences. To this end it provides free cross-curricula teaching resources with all of its books at [www.yourstoriesmatter.org](http://www.yourstoriesmatter.org)

## **Dyspraxia**

With more than 20 years experience, Lois Addy emphasises the importance of understanding dyspraxia so that effective support can be given to children with coordination and perception difficulties. The author presents a series of ideas and strategies to support this special group of children.

## **Developing School Provision for Children with Dyspraxia**

Is your child unusually clumsy? Does he have difficulty holding his spoon or fork properly when eating? Does his room look

like a tornado just swept through? Is he having trouble with the basics of movement and coordination? Dyspraxia is a medical condition that affects many, often times without the parents even being aware of what the condition is. Nevertheless, if your child is diagnosed early enough and gets some extra help from you along the way, there is a good chance that he can manage the dyspraxia and live a perfectly normal and happy life. As a parent, you're going to need all the information you can get to better understand your child's condition so that you can learn how to help. Furthermore, having a full understanding of dyspraxia will also make it easier for siblings and other family members to adjust and accommodate your child's needs. This book is going to provide you with lots of important information about dyspraxia, its causes, symptoms, and effects. And most importantly, you'll gain plenty of information on how you can help support your child in the process of managing his dyspraxia while living a quality life.

## **Play for Children with Special Needs**

For people with developmental dyspraxia, everyday life can pose a multitude of problems. This book is written to help all adults with dyspraxia tackle the everyday situations that many people take for granted. It offers practical advice on everything from getting a diagnosis to learning how to manage household chores.

## **Developing School Provision for Children with Dyspraxia**

Children with both giftedness and special educational needs are often found in the mainstream classrooms. This essential resource provides an overview of existing knowledge about dual and multiple exceptionality (DME), examining the needs of gifted and talented children from both the class teacher's and SENCo's perspectives. Diane Montgomery explores both the specialist interventions that some children will need at least for part of their school life, as well as the general inclusive provision that every school can develop to meet the needs of all children. Focusing on evidence-based identification throughout, chapters in this accessible book cover: An analysis of the terms 'giftedness and talent' and the different methods that can be used for identifying them and assessing their limitations Identifying and supporting a range of difficulties, syndromes and disorders such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, DCD, ASD, ADHD and SEBD How to manage classroom behaviour, improve school ethos and create a DME-friendly school through inclusive teaching and learning This invaluable resource will assist you in creating a DME friendly school, help to integrate learners with a range of difficulties and enable them and others to learn.

## **Specific Learning Difficulties - What Teachers Need to Know**

This text shows professionals who are working in early years settings how to understand the specific difficulties a child with

dyspraxia may encounter. It encourages them to consider the wider implications of the disorder for both home and school environments. The author demonstrates clearly and practically: how existing classroom conditions and routines can be adapted to encompass the needs of the child with dyspraxia or motor difficulties; the checklists and observation schedules which can be used to give a fuller picture of the problems facing such a child; how to breakdown the basic movement patterns into different competency levels so that progress can be made via appropriate teaching points; and how analysing the movement patterns of a child can reveal their cognitive development.

## **Living with Dyspraxia**

Discusses the condition of dyspraxia which causes motor ability problems for children, and includes information on symptoms, a glossary of technical terms, and a list of resources.

## **Making Inclusion Work for Children with Dyspraxia**

Dyspraxia is increasingly common in young children. This fully revised and updated edition of Christine Macintyre's invaluable companion explains the difficulties faced by children with dyspraxia in growing up and offers suggestions as to how these might be alleviated. In this book the children themselves, along with their parents and teachers, talk about how the difficulties change as the transition is made from primary to secondary school. Children with dyspraxia are frequently beset by frustrations as a result of their differences, can be misunderstood both at home and at school, and are very often bullied. This practical guide considers: the issue of giving children labels strategies to reduce stress the value of movement programmes raising self-esteem the transition to secondary school particular challenges faced during Puberty/adolescence handwriting as an indicator of dyspraxia. Including practical activities with additional material for secondary pupils this book shows children how to articulate their differences using individualised explanations, and then go on to succeed having recognised where their talents lie. Dyspraxia 5-14 is essential reading for teachers, parents, SENCos, teaching assistants and trainee teachers who want to improve their understanding of dyspraxia and its implications for children in Key stages 1-3.

## **Inclusion for Children with Dyspraxia/DCD**

How can I help my child that has got dyslexia or dyspraxia? Perhaps you've just found out your child has dyslexia, or suspect your child may have dyspraxia. This can be a confusing time for any parent, full of worry and uncertainty. Author Sally McKeown gets right to the heart of the matter in How to Help your Child with Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. She brings you expert knowledge of exactly what dyslexia and dyspraxia are and how they can affect your child's life. Through the

experiences of other parents, Sally dispels common myths and helps you to better understand and support your child. From getting a diagnosis to making sure you get enough support from your school this guide is packed with advice to make your life easier. It's packed with practical ways to help your child, including:

- how to build your child's confidence if it has been knocked
- how you can help with homework, without doing it
- games, activities and hobbies to improve co-ordination and motor skills
- different ways of learning that your child will respond to

Written in a friendly style with other parents' experiences littered throughout, you will find it easy to put this advice into action and help your child.

## **A Practical Guide to Supporting Children with Dyspraxia**

This is a practical working guide for parents, teachers and allied professionals, offering an understanding of dyspraxia, its underlying causes, strategies and helpful advice. It explains the terms used in dyspraxia, for example, proprioception, bilateral integration, vestibular, postural, cross lateral and tactile defensiveness. It outlines the impact that these issues can have in the class or home setting. It includes practical advice and strategies. This handbook will illuminate dyspraxia issues for people who have to deal with the outcome of having this condition. It provides medical/physiological understanding of the condition and will facilitate access to education and everyday living for the children in question.

## **Understanding Developmental Dyspraxia**

The aim of this text is to promote an understanding of dyspraxia and movement development among professionals who work with children, and also to offer a text which is accessible to parents. It presents a cognitive processing model of dyspraxia from a developmental perspective, and addresses issues of social development in addition to the more easily observable motor planning difficulties which are associated with dyspraxia. The difficulties which may face the dyspraxic child at home and at school are described with strategies for managing their difficulties. Details are provided of the support services available and how they may be accessed.

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