High-TEMPO

CLASSROOMS AT PRIORY SCHOOL EXPLAINED FOR PARENTS



High Expectations	We try to create calm classrooms where everyone can learn by Having routines that all pupils and teachers follow. Rewarding and praising breakthroughs and achievements. Ensuring strong silence so that everyone can concentrate.
Task Design	We try to help your child improve their memory and recall by Identifying key facts and words in "knowledge organisers". Regularly running fact checks and multiple-choice quizzes. Designing tasks that ask your child to think hard and so aid memorisation.
Explanations	Anticipating and planning for tricky ideas and common misconceptions. We encourage teachers to be the experts in the room by Explaining new and complex ideas with great care. Choosing words and language that adds clarity. Avoiding introducing too much information too soon. Checking for understanding before they move on.
Modelling	We show your children how to be successful by Demonstrating how to do it and how to do it well. Naming and listing the steps to success. Showing examples of secure and exemplary versions.
Practice	We encourage mastery through practice by Expecting all extended work to be completed in strong silence. Providing sentence starters and golden language to scaffold responses. Gradually building up demands towards more complex outcomes.
Oracy	We nurture talking with confidence and impact by ☐ Identifying the golden words and phrases that enable great speech. ☐ Leading inclusive debates and discussions that are very carefully planned. ☐ Think > pair > share activities to encourage independent, pair and small group talk.