**WLD Teaching and Learning Digest – w/c 19th February 2018**

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| **COMMUNICATION FOCUSES*** How are we promoting reading with our students?
* Are you checking understanding (and spelling) of key subject words?
 | **DYSLEXIA-FRIENDLY STRATEGY**When writing a lot, avoid justifying the text as this makes it tricky to read.  |

**This week:**

* The thought for the week this week is **Fair Trade Fortnight –** please use the PPT emailed; it includes a short video about Fair Trade. There is also an article to read with forms in registers on Tuesday.
* Heads up! – next Wednesday, bring one revision strategy that you are using with Year 11; we will do a ‘speed swap’ to share good practice.

**Teaching Approach of the Week – Try It!**

**‘Throwback Thursday’** – Following the popular internet trend, the English Department is using ‘throwback Thursday’ to encourage interleaved practice; students are encouraged to be ‘nostalgic’ on a Thursday by covering something that they have already learnt. *See if it works for you!*

**PIE FACES: Encouraging Good Writing**

Years 9 to 11 now have this checklist of good writing features to use in their own writing. We have created this checklist so that students know what to include in a GOOD piece of writing. Please refer to them in your subjects. I will have posters made if successful.



**Recent Top Tips (abridged)… Keep using them if they worked!**

* **‘Prepare to Teach’ and ‘Topic Ranking’**
* **‘Just a Minute’ and ‘Exam Wrappers’**
* **Retrieval Practice – questions from last lesson, last week and last term**
* **Presentation as an indirect way of enhancing progress**
* **Unlocking key words – discussing possible meanings**
* **The ‘BIG Question’**
* **3B4ME – promoting independence**
* **WAGOLLs (what a good one looks like – use of model work)**
* **Pose, Pause, Pounce and Bounce**
* **Reading for understanding – mini-whiteboards, quick quizzes, verbal questioning, think-pair-share etc.**

**Top Tips in Two this Half-Term**

Scheduled in this half-term, we have:

* **This week!** Weds 21st Feb – C. Rowson
* **Next week!** Weds 28th Feb – All staff – Year 11 revision strategies swap
* Thursday 8th March – D. Turner
* Friday 16th March – S. Smith-Sergeant (mindfulness)
* Thurs 22nd March – R. Long

**CPD**

The Preston Schools Teaching Alliance is holding its annual Teaching and Learning Conference in April. Please submit your interest to me by the end of the week.