**WLD Teaching and Learning Digest – w/c 20th November 2017**

**This week:**

* Thought for the week this week is **RESPECT**. There is a basic poster to discuss in forms and also a PowerPoint has been emailed as usual.
* **Thursday @3.15** – TU is delivering a staff induction meeting after school on Office 365, SIMs, Read & Write Gold and setting up Teams for your classes. If anyone wants to drop in, let me know.
* **THANKS** – Thanks to those of you who have provided examples of exemplary written work for your subject area.  If you haven’t, get it to me asap.  I am starting to look at displaying around corridors.

**Teaching Resource of the Week**

Please remember to use the whole-school communications marking policy for written work as it provides students with a standard way of feeding back (and allows literacy issues to be identified). Middle Leaders will look at its usage in work scrutiny.   I have amended slightly by adding one code for presentation.  Otherwise, it is as per the original.

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

Moving around school a lot, allows me to pilfer great ideas.  This week, I have been reminded of the effectiveness of framing the lesson with a BIG QUESTION.  So rather than writing an outcome, you would display a question that underpins the learning in the lesson.

So in **English**, whilst reading a class reader, students may be asked the question:*Which characters are lonely in this book and how do you know?*

In **Geography**, it may be: *‘How much of the UK was covered in ice during the Ice Age and how do you know?’*

Simple but effective!

**In Previous Digests… Keep using them if they worked!**

* **3B4ME – promoting independence**
* **Feedback – using exemplar work so students can compare with their own. Allowing students time to ask you questions about their work (make use of MAD time).**
* **Pose, Pause, Pounce and Bounce**
* **Developing recall skills: short quizzes, mini-whiteboards, etc.**
* **Starter cards**
* **Reading for understanding – mini-whiteboards, quick quizzes, verbal questioning, think-pair-share etc.**

**Coming Soon… Teaching and Learning Exchanges**

* Wednesday 29th November – HC
* Thursday 7th December – CN
* Wednesday 13th December –SW

More volunteers needed for the New Year please!

**Reminder - CPD Opportunity**

The next teaching and learning think tank is on Wednesday 6th December at Balshaws.  The focus is stretch and challenge; and also boys.  If you can make it, please let me know.  GD usually attends the meetings so speak to him if you would like to know more about the format and how they run.