

Outstanding Learning

The book that facilitated this Twilight Inset is Memorable Learning by Peps Mccrea. During the inset we looked at 4 main topics:

Working Memory Tips

- Is your classroom too stimulating/distracting?
- Is your lesson unnecessarily complicated?
- When delivering a lesson consider using speech and diagrams simultaneously (NOT speech and text)
- Set a filter to show/tell the students what to look for.
- Avoid overload – most learning is of new material.

Powerful Long Term Memory

- Student learning is limited by prior knowledge.
- Tethering-linking new ideas to existing ones.
- Make connections if they aren't there.
- Ensure students can separate the concept and the context.
- Iteration.
- Memories can be lost if we are learning new material – need to go back over the material.

Amplify

- Construct a simple framework.
- Consider other strategies if students are not ready to be independent e.g. cloze passages.

Metacognition

- Give students time to think about thinking.
- Use it for short periods but use it regularly.
- Encourage students to reflect on work they have learned.