Introductory Task

- On your whiteboard, please write a list of all of your favourite places to go.
- I am going to give you 2 minutes to carry out the task.

My observations!
As adults we all work in different ways!

I always do my housework and paper work with music on.

I can’t work outside!

My flat has to be tidy before I can start my paperwork.

I often plan on paper.

I find it hard to remember what I have read unless I highlight or make notes.

I keep lists to help me organise myself.

I can’t run without music. My friend can only run without!

I find it easier to work in the evening.

I work with my legs crossed on the sofa.

I prefer to write in blue pen.
We all accept that it is ok to have these different ways of being able to be successful when we are adults; but sometimes we forget it may be the same for children.

Their learning styles may not be the same as ours and that can be quite hard.

When parents know their child’s best way to learn, they can help their child learn more effectively. And part of this process is for parents to understand their own learning style, because we tend to teach in that style.

Learning Style Quiz
“I like to study at a desk in silence, and my daughter can’t think that way. She likes to bounce around on a ball with music in the background,” says author Maureen McKay, whose resource, Optimistic Outcomes, provides tips for parents based on a child’s learning style.

“Sometimes kids are just doing what works for them.”
It may be worth:
using the quizzes that are available online, talking to your child’s Class Teacher, talking to your child about how they like to work or how they best remember things.

Or just observe them and see what they do naturally.
Learning styles are often categorized and explained in the following way:

• **Visual:** You learn well when aided by images, pictures, and spatial organization of elements
• **Auditory:** You learn well when aided by music, sound, rhyme, rhythm, speaking or listening
• **Reading/Writing:** You learn well by reading or writing the material you want to learn
• **Kinesthetic:** You learn well when you can move your body, and/or use your hands and sense of touch. Writing or drawing diagrams are physical activities that can fall into this category as well.

These categories of learning styles were identified by Dr. Neil Fleming in the late '80s, and represent The VARK model of learning styles. Other educators and researchers have identified additional learning styles, with some models showing as many as 70 different styles.
But before you pigeonhole yourself or your child, it’s worth remembering that while you may have a dominant style of learning, everyone borrows a little bit from all the styles to learn about the world around them.

Learning styles may change over time.

Learning styles may not be the same as yours.

Some children (and adults) have a dominant learning style but this is not used across all areas of the curriculum.

For example: your child may be able to learn their times tables by saying them out loud, but need to write their spellings down repeatedly.

Teachers use a range of approaches across the curriculum to meet all children’s needs.

Think about what the objective of a task is: neat handwriting may require sitting up at a table with feet on the floor, but learning spellings might be done successfully standing up.
Sensory Needs

- Some children may like to read laying on the floor;
- Walking around while reading or reciting times tables etc;
- Working with music or background noise;
- Lighting – fluorescent lights flicker;
- Learning breaks;
- Fiddling with something while reading;
- Audio books.
LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK is often suggested by teachers as it uses a range of learning styles.

http://www.ictgames.com/lcwc.html
http://www.lindleyinfantsch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1427274882.pdf
http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-make-spelling-easy
http://uk.spellodrome.com/#!/home
Draw around the shape of words

Use different coloured pens

Write with their eyes closed
because

- Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants
Help A Little Fairy
Learning Times Tables

http://www.mathsrockx.com/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C-e33iVBTM