INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Provide for extensive and successful independent practice both in and outside of the classroom.

Follow guided practice with independent practice - working alone, practising the new material. This is necessary because a good deal of practice is needed in order to become fluent and automatic in a skill.

When material is practised well it can be recalled automatically, and doesn’t take up any space in our working memory. When children become automatic in an area, they can then devote more of their attention to comprehension and application. Independent practice provides them with an opportunity to become fluent in a skill.

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