EXPLAIN

Know and plan the delivery of new domain knowledge;

Domain knowledge is the essential knowledge that students must know to be able to understand a concept. If explanations are unclear or rambling domain knowledge can be lost;

- Pay attention to the curriculum planning and sequencing, its content and resources to determine domain knowledge.
- Ask yourself, what is it I want students to know by the end of this lesson, the next lesson and so on.

EXPLAIN

Deliver domain knowledge with clarity in small steps;

Understanding the limitations of working memory is important in the delivery of domain knowledge and how to deliver it in component parts;

- Curriculum mastery is about ensuring that students are able to build on skills and knowledge
- How are you breaking these down to ensure that students are confident in domain knowledge?

EXPLAIN

Use talk for learning, teach and insist on the use of subject specific vocabulary and academic language

The vocabulary that students read is typically much more complex than the vocabulary they say or write so alone reading is not enough to encourage academic vocabulary;

- Teach explicitly the vocabulary that students need to know.
- Use etymology and morphology (where words come from and how they are formed) to deepen student understanding.
- Promote high quality academic talk and writing.

PRACTISE

Use guided practise to model learning outcomes, talking through the learning process

Practice is often overlooked once domain knowledge or skills have been taught. Students need to practice 5 times as much as teachers allow for. It should be deliberate and thoughtful - use these steps;

- Guided instruction and modelling to give worked out examples - these should be heavily scaffolded by the teacher.
- Problem solving (with students actively self-explaining solutions) -Remove scaffolds as students expertise increases.
- Interleaved practice that leads to speed, automaticity and accuracy.

PRACTISE

Scaffold learning until students are competent providing high support and high challenge

Scaffolds are temporary - they support that cognitive process of embedding new knowledge and skills. All scaffolds should lead to independence;

- Use practical strategies like writing frames, sentence starters.
- Use worked examples to demonstrate outcomes
- Encourage strategic thinking reducing the level of scaffolding and making students problem solve.
- Anticipate common errors and misconceptions and support students in not embedding these as facts.

PRACTISE

Ensure students Rephase, Elaborate and Summarise

Embedding it to long term memory requires: rephrasing, elaborating and summarising. Some useful prompts for activities might be;

- Reduce it
- Transform it
- Deconstruct it
- Prioritise it
- Categorise it
- Criticise it

PIXL thinking hard strategies supporting these prompts are on their website. You can log in using;

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PRACTISE

Set Lesson Ready tasks that focus on independent practise

Lesson Ready (Home Learning / Homework) tasks should focus on practising skills and embedding knowledge. Some examples might be;

- Repetition of a concept taught in class
- An exam guestion
- Any of the activities from the prompts in the previous box
- Learning key vocabulary

TEST

Check for student understanding asking higher order questions and providing feedback, ensuring that students respond to feedback

Department assessment maps are clear that formative assessment happens in every lesson with good quality questioning;

- Ask lots of questions and check for understanding.
- Ask students to explain what they have learned
- Check the response of all students make sure no-one is hiding.
- Provide feedback and correction.
- Use the questioning wheel to ensure that you are asking a variety of questions. SL should have these.

TEST

Review last lesson, last week, last year

This is essential if students are to remember previous learning and connect it in a schema to what they are currently learning. Students need to keep exploring their memory to check what they know and understand. This is called retrieval practice and should be a feature at the beginning of every lesson - you might consider;

- Revisiting vocabulary
- A task where students link concepts between topics
- Where they find factual errors and correct them
- A knowledge blast writing everything they know about a topic in 5 minute

TEST

Set a low stakes test

Students need to see their progress and be confident in the skills and knowledge that they have and be aware of areas for improvement. Low stakes testing can be self or peer marked.

It can take the form of any number of activities - those in the previous box are a small example.

Aim for an 80% success rate - this will improve student confidence and fluency while still challenging students to think hard.