



✿ Creating an interactive learning environment

The classroom learning environment is a reflection of a teacher's beliefs about how children learn.

Coral's core beliefs are that students learn...

- what they are interested in
- through meaningful interactions with interested others
- in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation

In her presentations Coral explains...

- ▶ How to organise the *physical environment*
 - Space
 - Tables and chairs
 - Shelves and storage
 - Bookshelves and reading areas
 - Word walls (contained in Coral's book)
 - Computers
 - Data projector and/or Interactive Whiteboard
 - Art materials and areas
 - Hands on materials
 - Construction materials
 - Science, nature and discovery areas
 - Play corner, home corner or dress up areas
- ▶ How to create a *print-rich environment*
 - Setting the scene for reading (contained in Coral's book)
 - Setting the scene for writing (contained in Coral's book)
- ▶ How to create the *social environment*
 - Talk
 - Classroom goals
 - Safety
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Co-operation

- Establishing classroom behaviours
- Setting the scene for co-operation (contained in Coral's book)
- ▶ Soft toys & backpacks as part of the physical, print and social environment
 - Backpacks to go (contained in Coral's book)
- ▶ How to create the *temporal environment* for your interactive classroom
 - the class timetable
 - the students' timetable
 - timetable and open-ended tasks