Teaching Ideas -- Disability

Mental, Physical and Sensory impairment. Use charities who can offer speakers or DVDs to inform about life with a disability.

Possibility of role play here – encourage empathy. What activities / places in school would you be excluded from if you were a wheel chair user? How could we improve things?

How could we arrange our classroom to be more accessible to someone who was visually impaired?

How could we befriend someone we could not talk to because they were hearing impaired?

Examples in literature of people living with a disability,

e.g."My Left Foot" by Christy Brown (book and Film), both available from Amazon,

"Does He Take Sugar?" poem by Michael Williams (BBC NE Wales/ poetry/that's life)

"Does He Take Sugar?" DVD and resource pack from www.enham.org.uk