

How does your child learn?

To be an effective learning they need to be demonstrating skills across all three main areas

Characteristics of effective learning

1: Playing and Exploring - Engagement		2: Active Learning - motivation		3: Creating and Thinking Critically – thinking	
Learning characteristics	How child learns	Learning characteristics	How child learns	Learning characteristics	How child learns
Finding out and exploring <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Show curiosity about objects, events and people. 2. Using senses to explore the world around them. 3. Engaging in open ended activity. 4. Showing particular interests. 		Being involved and concentrating <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time. 2. Showing high levels of energy, fascination. 3. Not easily distracted. 4. Paying attention to detail 		Having their own ideas <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thinking of ideas. 2. Finding ways to solve problems. 3. Finding new ways to do things. 	
Playing with what they know <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pretending objects are things from their experience. 2. Representing their experiences in play. 3. Taking on a role in their play. 4. Acting out experiences with other people. 		Keep on trying <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Persisting with activities when challenges occur. 2. Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off. 3. Bouncing back after difficulties. 		Making links <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making links and noticing patterns in their experiences. 2. Making predictions. 3. Testing their ideas. 4. Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect. 	
Being willing to 'have a go' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiating activities. 2. Seeking challenge. 3. Showing a 'can do' attitude. 4. Taking a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error. 		Enjoying achieving what they set out to do <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals. 2. Being proud of how they accomplish something – not just the end result. 3. Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise. 		Choosing ways to do things <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning, making decisions about how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal. 2. Checking how well their activities are going. 3. Changing strategy as needed. 4. Reviewing how well the approach worked. 	