

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD LEARN?

Young children learn from the world around them and they are learning all of the time. The Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL) form part of the EYFS curriculum and focus on how your child is learning rather than what they are learning. The following characteristics are the foundations of HOW children learn.

PLAYING AND EXPLORING

I AM ENGAGED ...

- I am curious about the world around me.
- I like to find things out.
- I pretend and play to make sense of what I know.
- I am willing to have a go and take a risk with new learning.

ACTIVE LEARNING

I AM MOTIVATED ...

- I am involved and can concentrate.
- I am interested and energetic.
- I keep on trying when things are tricky.
- I feel proud of myself when I have achieved something.
- I enjoy the challenge of something.

CREATING AND THINKING CRITICALLY

I AM THINKING ...

- I have my own ideas and find ways of solving problems.
- I make links and notice similarities in my experiences.
- I can choose ways to do things, make predictions and test my ideas.

You can help your child by:

- Talk to them about what is going on around them such as the changing seasons.
- Encourage them to be engaged by showing them things such as, how to whisk an egg or noticing what happens to the sponge in the bath.
- Support their motivation by joining in with their play. Let them lead and direct you.
- Ask for their ideas and work together to solve real problems like how to share the last apple between two, or how to fit all of the toys back in the box.