

Playing and exploring

Curiosity - shows curiosity about objects and the world around them, and has particular interests.

Representing experiences - acts out experiences in their play, using objects to represent different things.

Taking risks - willing to try out new things and is open to new experiences.

Active Learning

Concentration - maintains focus for a period of time, showing high levels of engagement and paying attention to detail.

Persistence - keeps on trying and doesn't give up at the first difficulty.

Sense of achievement - shows satisfaction when they accomplish something they set out to do.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

What learning looks like in the Early Years...

Creativity and Critical Thinking

Having own ideas - thinks of their own ideas and different ways of doing things, use imagination in play.

Making links - makes links and connections in their experiences, developing ideas of grouping, sequences or patterns.

Reviewing - reviews activities as he/she does them and changes the approach as required.

Playing and exploring



I am keen to explore and investigate to help me make sense of the world.

Active Learning



I show joy and a great sense of satisfaction when I achieve what I set out to do.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

What learning looks like in the Early Years...

I am willing to take a risk and engage in new activities.

I can remain focused and engaged during activity and persist when challenges occur.

Creativity and Critical Thinking

I can think carefully about what I am doing and try a different strategy if necessary.



I can select and use a variety of resources and techniques to make a model