

3 Characteristics of effective Learning

Teacher comment

Engaging and Exploring

- Finding out and exploring
- Using what they know in their play
- Being willing to have a go

She demonstrates a natural curiosity as she engages and explores new concepts and experiences. She will always ask many questions to further her own knowledge. She is naturally inquisitive and wants to know everything! She will take new knowledge and apply it in her own independent learning, for example she will choose to make a book about a current topic of learning i.e bears or the rainforest. She often initiates and engages in activities of her own interests and will carry others along in her ideas and plans. She will always have a go at all activities and challenges presented to her around the classroom.

Deep Learning

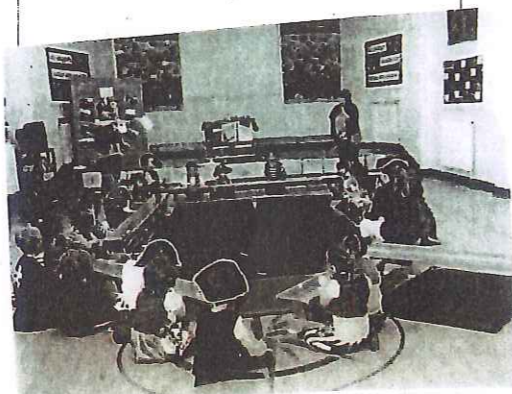
- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping on trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

She is always very keen to learn and she applies herself in both open ended independent activities and those directed by an adult. She will become completely involved in her learning and will concern herself with the details to ensure it is just how she wants it to be. She can sometimes get frustrated if she can't master something straightaway and does need to be encouraged to keep trying or to try a different way. She does however show high levels of concentration and focus, and she is not easily distracted. This is reflected in the quality of work she produces. She has a great attitude to learning and is always up for a challenge. She is independent in obtaining the resources she needs and will ask an adult for specific equipment if it is not readily available to her. She has over the year developed a real pride in her work and is working hard to present it in the best possible way.

Reasoning and thinking critically

- Having their own ideas
- Using what they already know to learn new things
- Choosing ways to do things and finding new ways

She has her own ideas and chooses to pursue these in her own learning. She can be quite methodical in her approach to solving problems and she uses all of her knowledge and skills to help herself. She is very good at applying what she knows and is articulate in explaining what she is doing and why she is doing it! She loves to use the writing area in the classroom but will also make good use of most other areas. She loves to role play and can set up quite elaborate storylines and parts!



"We walked the plank when the captain told us to Pirate day was brilliant."

"I worked together with my friends to make a pirate ship. We tested it to see if it would float and it did!"

What would you take?  
a COMPASS because it  
would show me the right  
way to go.



I made binoculars it was really fun and I had to work hard But I did it all on my own

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Judgement! Exceeding



"We worked together in a group to make a 3D story map of the Gruffalo. We each made a different character from the story."

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"We did a dance workshop. We had to work in a little group to make up a dance together. Then we practised it and then showed it to all our friends. It was brilliant to learn new dances."

"We also helped butterflies to grow. They came as little caterpillars and they ate and ate and got really big. They went into their cocoons and then came out as beautiful butterflies"



"We made a frog! They were tiny tadpoles, but they grew and grew and eventually they were frogs. We let them live in our pond"



In my me box there are:

- photos of my family - I love them
- shells - I collected them from the beach
- yo-yos because I love swimming

I made a brick house because bricks are too strong for the wolf to blow down.

I put my bricks on with cement.

I built in 4 windows to give alot of light and to see when the wolf was coming and a heavy door made of bricks.

At the beginning of our Commotion in the Ocean topic, Ladybirds Class were asked what might live under the sea.

This was [child's name]'s answer:

They might have Octopus' and quite a lot of sharks because one day me and my dad went in a submarine and went under the sea!

We saw a big whale. We saw dolphins and we even got to get out of the submarine and go and see more animals.

There is lots of seaweed and some homes. An Octopus cuddled me and my dad!

Goldilocks came in and stole our porridge, so I made her a sign so that she would not come back!

[child's name] was able to retell the story with fantastic detail



I am baby bear and I

am feeling sad in my heart.

The noodles were yummy. They started off hard but when we put the water on them, they went all soft and wiggly. Oh - it was hot water by the way!

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