

The Characteristics of Effective Learning.

We are also obliged to foster the **Characteristics of Effective Early Learning**. These are:

Playing and Exploring, which encourages children to progress in the following skills:

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to have a go

Active Learning, which encourages children to progress in the following skills:

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

Creating and Thinking Critically, which encourages children to progress in the following skills:

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

We also look out to observe when the children are using and developing these skills. We will include them in our observations of the children, and we assess the children against them.

At Pre-School we use a Dinosaur themed approach to the Characteristics of Effective Learning. We have a Characteristics Dinosaur display wall where the children's faces are placed if they show a particular skill linked to them.

Our 'Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning'

Achievosaurus

What are the 'Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning'?

They run through and underpin the seven areas of learning and development, as detailed in the 'Early Years Foundation Stage Framework' (2012). They describe learning processes that occur throughout every day activities and experiences. They support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner. They give children skills to be learners for life.

What are the Achievosaurus?

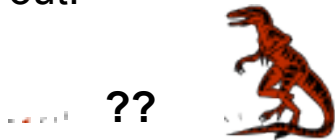
There are seven Achievosaurus altogether, each linking to an aspect of the characteristics. They enable children to become more aware of how they learn, and give them language to explain the skills they use when learning.

Playing and Exploring...

EXPLOROSAUR “I explore everything around me.”



ASKARAPTOR “I ask questions and find things out.”



Active Learning...

TRYATOPS “I try my best and never give up.”



STICKOSAURUS “I stick at tasks and persevere.”

Creating and Thinking Critically...

SOLVEOSAURUS REX “I work hard to solve problems.”

THINKODOCUS “I think carefully about what I learn.”

HAREONYX “I share my ideas and resources.”

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Examples of using the Achievosaurus

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