

Characteristics of Effective Learning and the Achievosaurus.

What are the Characteristics of Effective Learning?

The characteristics of effective learning run through and underpin all areas of learning and development, as detailed in the EYFS statutory framework (2012). They describe the learning processes that occur throughout everyday activities and experiences and they support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

They are broken down into three areas:

- Playing and Exploring (engagement)
Children investigate, experience things and 'have a go'.
- Active Learning (motivation)
Children concentrate, keep on trying and enjoy achievements.
- Creating and Thinking Critically (thinking)
Children have and develop ideas, make links between ideas and develop strategies for doing things.

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 the 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.

Shareonyx



I share my ideas and resources.