



Supporting Children to 'Think Harder' Across the Curriculum

WHAT IS IT?

'Think Harder' recognising that learning can be and should sometimes be difficult. Stretch, challenge and encouraging pupils to think harder means knowing that all pupils can produce fantastic work once they know what it looks like.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

It is important to not set a limit on what we think our children can do. We want all children to reach their full potential and we want them to succeed. We have high aspirations for our pupils and we expect children to have high expectations of themselves as well.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO LEARNING

We want to foster a life-long love of learning which enables our children to develop into confident, resilient learners. Opportunities to deepen knowledge and understanding are provided throughout our curriculum.

IDENTIFY & ACCOUNT FOR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

It is important to identify what is already known about a subject and acknowledge this with the children. This includes retrieving previous learning.

BUILD ON & EXTEND

Well sequenced learning ensures that prior knowledge and learning is revisited in different capacities. Children are encouraged to explore subjects they enjoy.

DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING

Our curriculum is broad and balanced. We give all learners opportunities to delve deeper, using 'how' and 'why'.

QUESTIONING

Questioning is targeted, using both closed and open-ended questions to provoke thought and to challenge due to using higher-order thinking skills.