In Bees Class learning is so much more than reading, writing and maths. We aim to develop a lifelong love of learning through developing

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring (engagement)

Finding out and exploring:
- Showing curiosity about objects, events and people
- Using senses to explore the world around them
- Engaging in open-ended activity
- Showing particular interests

Playing with what they know:
- Pretending objects are things from their experience
- Representing their experiences in play
- Taking on a role in their play
- Acting out experiences with others

Being willing to 'have a go':
- Initiating activities
- Seeking challenge
- Showing a 'can do' attitude
- Taking a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error

Active Learning (motivation)

Being involved and concentrating:
- Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time
- Showing high levels of energy, fascination
- Not easily distracted
- Paying attention to details

Keeping on trying:
- Persisting with activity when challenges occur
- Showing a belief more effort or a different approach will pay off
- Bouncing back after difficulties

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do:
- Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals
- Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result
- Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise

Creating and Thinking Critically (thinking)

Having their own ideas:
- Thinking of ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems
- Finding new ways to do things

Making links:
- Making links and noticing patterns in their experience
- Making predictions
- Testing their ideas
- Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect

Choosing ways to do things:
- Planning, making decisions and how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal
- Checking how well their activities are going
- Changing strategy as needed
- Reviewing how well the approach worked