Characteristics of Effective Learning



Exploring Echidna





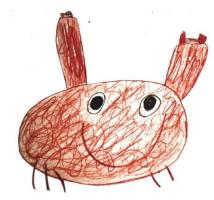
Concentrating Crocodile



Keeping On

HINKING

Kangaroo



Creative Crab



Connecting Caterpillar



Choosing Cheetah

ENGAGEMENT

Playful Penguin

Have-a-Go Horse

Proud Peacock

Playing and Exploring	Active Learning	Creating and Thinking Critically
Engagement	Motivation	Thinking
Finding out and exploring (Exploring Echidna)	Being involved and concentrating (Concentrating Crocodile)	Having their own ideas (Creative Crab)
 Showing curiosity about objects, events and people 	 Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time 	• Thinking of ideas
 Using senses to explore the world around them 	 Showing high levels of energy, fascination 	• Finding ways to solve problems
 Engaging in open-ended activity 	Not easily distracted	• Finding new ways to do things
Showing particular interests	 Paying attention to details 	
Playing with what they know (Playful Penguin)	Keeping on trying (Keeping On Kangaroo)	Making links (Connecting Crocodile)
 Pretending objects are things from their experience 	Persisting with activity when challenges occur	 Making links and noticing patterns in their experience
 Representing their experiences in play 	Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will	Making predictions
• Taking on a role in their play	pay off Bouncing back after difficulties 	• Testing their ideas
 Acting out experiences with other people 		• Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect
Being willing to 'have a go' (Have-a-go Horse)	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do (Proud Peacock)	Choosing ways to do things (Choosing Cheetah)
Initiating activities	Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals	Planning, making decisions about how to approach a task, solve a
Seeking challenge	• Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just	problem and reach a goal
 Showing a 'can do' attitude 	the end result	Checking how well their activities are going
• Taking a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error	• Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise	Changing strategy as needed
		 Reviewing how well the approach worked