

How our children learn in Early Years

Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning identified by the EYFS are:

- **playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go';
- **active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements; and
- **creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

Go For It Gorilla



I will have a go.

Proud Peacock



I am proud of what I do.

Choosing Chimp



I choose ways to do things.

Exploring Elephant



I am an explorer.

Creative Chameleon



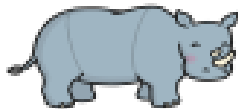
I have my own ideas.

Concentrating Crocodile



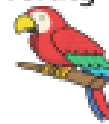
I join in and concentrate.

I Know Rhino



I play with what I know.

Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.

Slinky Linky Snake



I can make links.