

## Playing and exploring

**Curiosity** - shows curiosity about objects and the world around them, and has particular interests.

**Representing experiences** - acts out experiences in their play, using objects to represent different things.

**Taking risks** - willing to try out new things and is open to new experiences.

## Active Learning

**Concentration** - maintains focus for a period of time, showing high levels of engagement and paying attention to detail.

**Persistence** - keeps on trying and doesn't give up at the first difficulty.

**Sense of achievement** - shows satisfaction when they accomplish something they set out to do.

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

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## Creativity and Critical Thinking

**Having own ideas** - thinks of their own ideas and different ways of doing things, use imagination in play.

**Making links** - makes links and connections in their experiences, developing ideas of grouping, sequences or patterns.

**Reviewing** - reviews activities as he/she does them and changes the approach as required.

## Playing and exploring

I am willing to take a risk and engage in new activities.



I am keen to explore and investigate to help me make sense of the world.



I can think carefully about what I am doing and try a different strategy if necessary.



## Active Learning

I show joy and a great sense of satisfaction when I achieve what I set out to do.



I can remain focused and engaged during activity and persist when challenges occur.

## Creativity and Critical Thinking

I can select and use a variety of resources and techniques to make a rocket.

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