



Supporting the future of education
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30 Wacky Children !!!

(A focus on critical and creative thinking)

*'Excellent teaching gives children the life chances they deserve'.
(Charles Clarke).*

This programme seeks to support schools in developing the crucial skills of creativity and critical thinking. Our educational system will not 'fail' children if the focus becomes 'learning' rather than 'teaching'. The recent primary strategies highlight more of an emphasis on the need to focus on 'individual children's learning' and the encouragement to promote creativity and critical thinking. How is your school promoting, developing and assessing these crucial elements for learning?

This session aims to:

- Explore issues highlighted in the primary strategies and how a school can promote the skills of 'good learning'
- To increase awareness of teachers and Teaching Assistants as to how thinking skills, particularly critical and creative thinking, can be developed for all young learners
- Provide proven, practical strategies for improving thinking skills for all young learners
- Highlight the development of a 'creative' and 'critical' thinking curriculum within the 'national curriculum'

Programme Agenda

Session 1 'Doing the Right Things'

Aim of Session – To explore current learning and thinking in classrooms

- Re-engagement in learning
- Begin at the beginning What we know about learning
- What level are we aiming for? Self-evaluation audit linked to professional values
- The qualities of a 'learner' What are we trying to promote

Session 2 - A Good Learner Does this!!

Aim of Session – To consider essential skills for learning and how these can be encouraged in all classrooms

- Making links 'connecting' the 'learning curriculum'
- Our reality Current practice and principles for thinking and learning
- The 5 R's for Learning Promoting thinking
- The principles of learning and teaching 'put together' Achieving 'excellence' for all

Session 3 - Creativity and Critical Thinking for Our Young Learners

Aim of Session – To introduce a range of strategies to develop critical and creative thinking

- A range of practical strategies for promoting 'creative' and 'critical thinking'
 - It begins at the beginning 'creative' beginnings
 - Learning Maps a 'key' for learning
 - Thinking skills P.M.I. / Thinking Hats / Alternatives / Odd One Out / Mysteries



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