



Characteristics of Effective Learning at Hunslet Carr

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

Creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Our school ethos begins in early years where children are encouraged to be ‘Persevering Pandas’ and are taught to keep trying and not give up. In Reception children are taught the concepts of not giving up, persevering and ‘yet’. We discuss mistakes and support children to take risks. Through Persevering Pandas, we promote effort and perseverance.

Our areas of provision underpin characteristics of effective learning. We have a range of activities and open ended resources that allow children to investigate, explore resilience, choice and independence in a safe environment.

Children have two sessions of ‘choosing’ per day, where they are given the opportunity to develop the characteristics of effective learning. Discrete teaching in Crew, PSHE and Family Time further supports children to develop their characteristics of effective learning.

Our curriculum further supports experiences and creating and thinking critically.