

Playing and Exploring

Key Questions:

- Does the child show curiosity about objects?
- Does the child engage in open-ended activity?
- How does the child represent their experiences in play?
- Does the child act out experiences with others?
- Does the child initiate activities/experiences?
- Does the child take risks and try new things?

Active Learning

Key Questions:

- Does the child show high levels of fascination?
- Does the child maintain focus on their activity for a period of time?
- Does the child concentrate despite distractions?
- Does the child demonstrate pride in their achievement?
- Does the child bounce back after difficulties, demonstrating resilience?
- Does the child enjoy meeting challenges for their own sake rather than a reward or praise?

Creativity & Thinking Critically

Key Questions:

- Does the child think of any of their own ideas?
- Does the child find new ways of doing things?
- Does the child make links and notice patterns in their experience?
- Does the child plan and make decisions about how to reach a goal?
- Does the child change strategy if needed?
- Does the child review how well their approach worked?