

In our school we want everyone to make a success of their lives by increasing their capacity for effective thought and then harnessing its power

# THINKING

Our learners will:

- Listen to each other and ask questions
- Think for themselves instead of relying on someone else to do it for them
- Engage their brains instead of just guessing
- Be confident in sharing their ideas with each other
- Know how to *find* the answer if they don't know it already
- Approach problems in unexpected ways because they have thought of different possibilities
- Know there isn't always just one answer
- Be able to articulate their ideas and opinions
- Never accept an answer or an opinion without weighing it up first
- Be able to think clearly by analysing and sorting information
- Be able to use other people's ideas to help reformulate their own



Thinking is about:

- Explaining yourself
- Giving opinions
- Making deductions
- Using judgement
- Making decisions
- Locating, sorting and organising information
- Analysing and prioritising
- Exploring
- Questioning
- Reflecting
- Innovation
- Divergence

For teaching we will:

- Provide lots of opportunities for Speaking and Listening
- Provide opportunities for peer assessment and feedback
- Use TASC to help them structure their thinking
- Use open questions that encourage quality responses
- Provide a secure environment for discussion
- Explore different ways to scaffold discussions
- 'Put our Thinking Hats on'
- Provide roles for the children during discussions
- Develop Philosophy for Kids across the school
- Spread the good practice that currently takes place in RE
- Use concrete, practical approaches wherever to promote thinking
- Use hooks to engage the children that stimulate thinking
- Provide opportunities for peer assessment and feedback