Characteristics of Effective learning

 Playing and exploring finding out and exploring playing with what they know being willing to have a go 	Active learning • being involved and concentrating • keeping on trying • enjoying achieving what they set out to do	 Creating and thinking critically having their own ideas making links choosing ways to do things and finding new ways

Let children know their views count and encourage everyone to value each other's opinions and values. You can help demonstrate democracy in action, for example, by letting children share views on what activity should come next with a show of hands.	Provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example, through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course and talking about their experiences and learning	Provide resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping	Promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, by sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences	Encourage children to acquire a tolerance, appreciation and respect for their own and other cultures by discussing with children the similarities and differences between themselves and others; and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions
Provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration	Encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand everyone is free to have different opinions	Create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance at your setting where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued	Provide resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping	Share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences
Give children opportunities to develop enquiring minds by creating an atmosphere at your setting where all questions are valued	Encourage and explain to children about the importance of tolerant behaviours, such as sharing and respecting each other's opinions	Arrange visits whereby children can engage with the wider community	Ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences, helping them to distinguish right from wrong	Work with children to create the rules and the codes of behaviour, such as agreeing the rules about tidying up, and also ensuring children understand that the rules apply to everyone