

Imitation

Look very carefully at someone you think is doing really well and think about how you can do it like that.

I like the way you do that.

Who have you learnt something from today?

What would you like to be able to do that can do?

Who do you think could be a good model for this?

What was it that did next to make the difference?

What do you thinkwas thinking to be able to do it so well?

What sort of beliefs did have that helped them succeed?

Picture doing this. Ask them some questions in your head about how they did it before you try.

Some language pointers!

When you use this learning muscle, you...

- Are ready to learn from others.
- Notice the approach and the detail of how others do things.
- Compare skills and absorb ideas by observing other people.

Constructively adopting methods, habits or values from other people whom you observe.

Ways that we can foster the skill of Imitation:-

- Believe that everyone has something to offer others and everyone can learn from others.
- Use children's ideas and children to find better strategies for more effective learning; ask the children what the adults could have done differently as teachers to make a skill easier to understand.
- Give children chances to reflect on how an expert would do the task they want to do and mentally picture themselves doing the same.
- Model how to respond to others doing well.
- Model not being afraid to go wrong!

