

Distilling



When you use this learning muscle, you...

- Mull over experiences.
- Draw out useful lessons learnt.
- Identify features that are likely to help you elsewhere.
- Think about where else you might use the lessons.

Ways that we can foster the skill of Distilling:-

- Encourage learning with a challenge that includes sharing ideas with others.
- Create a framework for learning with a challenge or desired outcome that includes sharing key ideas with others.
- Give children choices and freedom, time to apply their learning and opportunities for reflection.
- Encourage questions. Answer a question by asking another.
- Work alongside children to prompt, facilitate, challenge, and discuss both the content and process of learning. Reflect back what they notice.

Looking at what is being learned – pulling out the essential features – carrying them forward to aid further learning.

Some language pointers!

What do you think are the three most important things you have found out?

If you only had to tell someone one thing about what you have learnt today, what would it be?
Why did you choose that one?

Think back to when you..... what did you learn from that?

How can you use what you learnt last week to help you now?

How could you teach someone else the key things about.....?

Just think over what we have been doing. What went well? What could be improved? What lessons can we learn from this?

Where else could you use this skill / knowledge / idea?

Describe it so you can take it away with you.