

ELLI SKILLS

ELLI stands for "Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory". There are 7 characteristics that help us become better at learning. To make it easy, each one is represented by an animal:



The Cat = Curiosity

Powerful learners love asking their own questions to find out what is really going on. Curiosity is represented by the Cat. Children may be asked to question 'What is new?' about a method they have been learning and 'What is different?'



The Spider = Making Connections

Powerful learners are great at being able to connect what they have learnt from one lesson to another and to their lives outside of school. Making Connections is represented by the Spider. Children may be asked how they can use what they learned in another lesson to help with the task.



The Chameleon = Changing and Learning

Powerful learners understand that they can become better learners over time. Changing and Learning is represented by the Chameleon. Children may be asked how they would work, create, or learn differently next time.



The Tortoise = Resilience

Powerful learners don't give up easily when things start to get difficult. Resilience is represented by the Tortoise. Children may be asked to complete open-ended activities where there is no right or wrong answer.



The Owl = Strategic Awareness

Powerful learners know what to do next by having their own strategies which they are able to choose between. Strategic Awareness is represented by the Owl. Children may be asked to select for themselves the level/ difficulty of their work to ensure they are working with the right amount of challenge.



The Unicorn = Creativity

Powerful learners love playing with possibilities and using their imagination to solve problems in different ways. Creativity is represented by the Unicorn. Children may be asked to use their creativity in English or art or to think about approaching a problem in DT or science in a creative way.



The Bee = Learning Relationships

Powerful learners love sharing their thoughts and ideas with others and working well together to solve problems. They also know when it is more effective to work on their own. Learning Relationships is represented by the Bee. Children may be asked to "Think, Pair and Share" or to decide whether to work alone, in pairs or as a group on a particular task.