**Active Learning**

Being involved and concentrating

Keep on trying – FPS Tough Tortoise “I can’t do it … yet!”

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

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| Building blocks that children will be learning to do | Provision and environment to promote and develop the building blocks | Role and actions of the adult |
| Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time  Showing fascination in things  Not being easily distracted  Paying attention to details  Persisting with activity when challenges occur  Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off  Bouncing back after difficulties  Being able to self-regulate  Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goal  Being proud of what they have accomplished and how they accomplished it  Enjoy meeting challenges for their own sake not just for external reward or praise | Provide new and unusual things for the children to explore especially those that are linked to their interests  Ensure a wide range of play and exploratory areas and activities are available to children  Resource these areas with well-chosen resources that will stimulate focused activity and learning  Notice what raises children’s curiosity and provide stimuli and activities that match to this  Ensure children have time and freedom to become deeply involved in activities  To provide pictures and videos of the children persevering on tasks and previous activities to act as a motivator, displayed on the working wall  Keep significant and key activities and resources out for longer periods of time  Ensure there is space for all children to contribute and take part in activities | Support children to choose their own activities and to identify how they will do them  Stimulate children’s interest through shared attention and to calm overstimulated children  Help children to become aware of their own goal to make a plan and to review  Describe what you see children trying to do and encourage them to talk about their own approaches and successes  Be specific with praise, note effort and concentration and praise persistence and problem-solving and  Be specific with praise for self-regulation and executive functioin  Encouraging children to identify how others have been successful and to work together and share ideas  Give reasons for doing things and talk about your own learning and the learning that is happening, not just direct children to do things |