

# Teaching and Learning

## Let's Reflect - Pedagogy



Pedagogy refers to the methods and strategies applied to our teaching. It focuses on the 'how' of teaching including how we support children to learn and develop. The impact of your interactions and implementation of your curriculum is underpinned by a sound understanding of and ability to embed your pedagogical approaches.

The need to diversify your pedagogical approaches is crucial. Through a blended approach, you will be able to support individual needs and engage different learning styles more effectively.

It is helpful to remember that there are many effective approaches that can be applied to practice, and that there are advantages to using a multitude of pedagogical strategies that could complement and enhance one another.

### **Task**

Consider the questions below and reflect on your knowledge and understanding of Pedagogy in practice:

- When did you last take some time out to read or refer to a piece of research to inform your practice?
- Are you able to recognise the pedagogical approaches that you apply?
- Are they deliberate and intended strategies or incidental?
- Do you diversify your pedagogical approach for different children/different situations?
- Do you consider individual levels of engagement? Are all children supported consistently?
- Do your pedagogical strategies engage all children, including those that are not forthcoming?
- Are all children reflected within your setting? E.g., photographs, their creations, their interests etc.
- Do you reflect on your environment and how it promotes curiosity? Can you see the connection between this and how it is informed by a pedagogical approach?