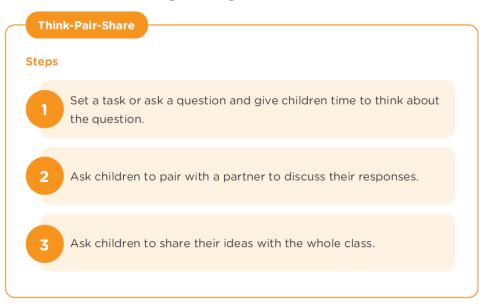


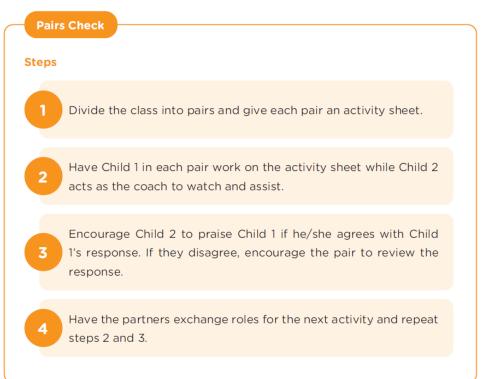


Useful Collaborative Learning Strategies

Working together with others provides authentic contexts for children to learn and apply values, social and emotional competencies and learning dispositions, such as turn-taking, finding out about others' strengths and learning to respect others' opinions.

Some useful collaborative learning strategies are:









Round Robin

Steps

- 1 Divide the class into small groups.
- Set a task or ask a question and give children time to think about the question.
- Ask each child within a group to take turns to share their responses with one another in a specific order after the "think time".

Numbered Heads Together

Steps

- 1 Divide the class into small groups.
- 2 Assign a number to each child in a group.
- 3 Set a task and say, "Put your heads together and think of ...".
- Give children time to discuss as a group and make sure that all group members know the group's response.
- Call a number at random and ask the child with that number to share his/her group's response.





Peer-assisted Learning

Steps

- Group children with mixed abilities in pairs or small groups.
- 2 Have the pairs or groups work together to complete a task.
- Give children some time to think back on how each member contributed to the completion of the task.
- Have each member thank each other for playing a part in the completion of the task.