

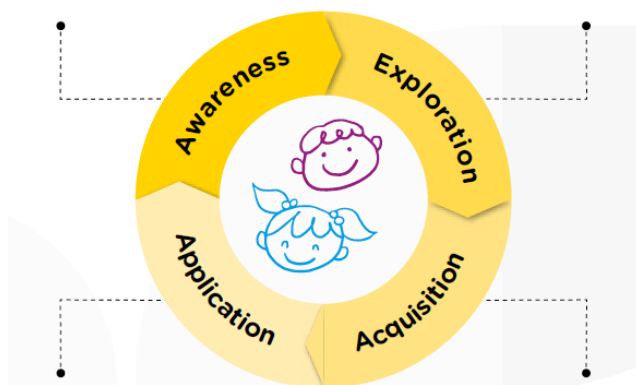


Using the Learning Cycle to Facilitate Children's Learning

Teachers can use of the learning cycle to facilitate children's learning, while considering the following:

- Invite children's interest in something new by providing a stimulus, modelling or demonstration.
- Provide opportunities for children to observe and explore their environment and have direct contact with a variety of real objects, people, places and events.
- Present information and materials in a variety of ways to gain children's interest and participation.
- Model a sense of wonder and curiosity by modelling "I wonder..." statements or using questions to encourage children to wonder and verbalise their thinking.

- Provide varied materials and experiences and organise learning spaces to encourage children's exploration, investigation and discovery using their five senses.
- Provide opportunities for children to gather information from a variety of sources and record observations in different ways.
- Encourage children to make comparisons, test predictions, problem solve, reason and draw conclusions.



- Provide opportunities for children to apply and practise what they have learnt in new and different situations, as well as in their everyday activities.
- Encourage and guide children in reflecting on their learning.
- Create new awareness and encourage children to generate new ideas and explore new situations to extend thinking and learning.

- Make links between children's learning experiences, activities and concepts to help them make connections between new and previous learning.
- Ask questions and provide feedback, prompts and additional information to encourage children to explain and expand their thinking.
- Provide time, space and materials for children to revisit concepts and practise skills to gain mastery of knowledge and skills.