

Oastlers School

Policy Document



CREATIVE LEARNING POLICY

OVERVIEW

In our school, creative learning will be encouraged and valued and will be an important part of our ethos. Teachers and learners will be given excellent opportunities to think and behave imaginatively. Originality will be valued. It will result in our learners asking challenging questions, making connections, generating and exploring ideas, developing their thinking, solving problems and reflecting critically on their learning.

OBJECTIVES

1. For creativity to flourish.
2. Teaching and learning strategies will encourage creativity.
3. Creativity will be valued and nurtured
4. Learners and teachers will be encouraged to think imaginatively and to develop originality in their work.
5. Originality and new ideas will be valued and encouraged.
6. To encourage, give recognition to, and reward the creativity of learners' and staff.
7. Creativity will be put at the centre of teaching and learning.

STRATEGIES

1. Teachers should build creative objectives into their planning.
2. The curriculum guidelines and teachers' lesson plans will be used to offer opportunities for creative learning, creative thinking and creative behaviour.
3. A wide range of teaching learning strategies will be used to encourage creativity.
4. Within the curriculum good opportunities will be created for learners to use their imagination, and to ask questions, to find original solutions to problems.
5. Learning objectives should be set to encourage learners to respond creatively and with imagination.
6. There will be flexibility in timetables and planning to allow for sustained working and to respond to children's level of engagement and developing interests.
7. Teachers are encouraged to create blocks of time, including full days weeks and periods of half a term's duration, to facilitate investigations, topics and themes in which creative learning will have significant priority.
8. Dance, drama, music, design, art will be important areas of learning to enable children's creativity to flourish.
9. Visits out of school, and visitors to school will be used to stimulate learners' imagination and extend their creative thinking.
10. Resources, stories, poetry, works of art, fiction, video and the internet will all be used to encourage creativity and creative learning.
11. Cross curricular themes, topics, and centres for learning will be used to encourage learners to make links across the subjects and to see the big picture.

OUTCOMES

We will use creative learning to make teaching and learning exciting and enjoyable. We will use creativity within the curriculum, and in teaching and learning to engage the minds of learners and enable them to develop their imagination and originality. Creativity will be used to promote both excellence and enjoyment and to make the curriculum fun.

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