



Henleaze Infant School

ELLI Curriculum



Henleaze Infant School strongly believe in a curriculum that enables children to learn the skills of effective life-long learners to support their attainment and progress. We develop these skills using ELLI (**Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory**) which started out as a research project at Bristol University. It uses seven animal characters to represent the seven identified characteristics of effective learners. Through the use of age-appropriate, child-friendly characters linked to a story, we give the children a shared language of learning and an understanding of the skills they need in order to become effective learners. Teaching and learning is woven throughout the curriculum and is a planned element in school assemblies and celebrations.

The 7 ELLI Characters are:

Teamwork Bee (learning relationships)

Curious Cat (curiosity and questioning)

Stickability Tortoise (perseverance)

Adaptable Chameleon (changing and learning)

Plan-ahead Owl (strategy)

Linking Spider (making connections)

Creative Unicorn (creative approaches)

In 2019-20 children at our school worked with a local illustrator to characterise these animals in a context that reflected their learning attributes.



