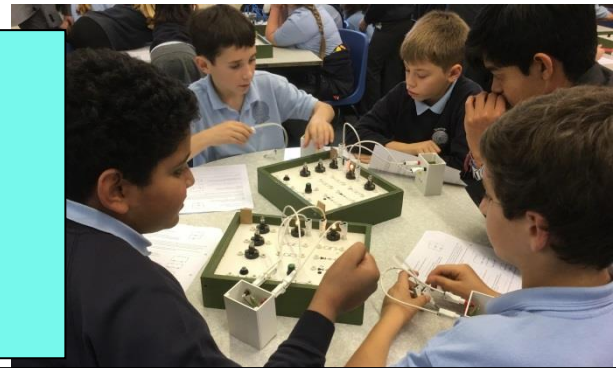


# Thinking

## Thinking is about:

- Processing information
- Enquiry
- Reflective thought
- Analysis
- Reasoning



Thinking opens up horizons and enables us to explore possibilities. We believe that all learners should actively contribute to their own enquiry through varied research and organisational strategies. They solve problems, make informed decisions and recognise that there is not always one answer. We encourage learners to use open ended questions and a range of thinking tools to aid their thinking. We strive to develop positive, active learners who are creative and persistent in their problem solving. We offer time for reflective thinking so that confident decision making and evaluative learning can take place.

## Thinking learners will:

- Pose and follow lines of enquiry through raising relevant questions and planning actions to undertake research and find solutions
- Process information using a range of organising tools
- Explain and justify their ideas and opinions using precise language and communicating effectively
- Seek meaning through reflecting on their experiences and feelings, asking philosophical questions and challenging their own ideas
- Generate and use criteria to evaluate and to judge the quality of their learning and achievement
- Use their imagination to generate ideas, make connections and produce innovative outcomes



## What will you see in Sparsholt C of E Primary School?

- Thinking hats well established and evident in every classroom
- Thinking challenges and an annual thinking activity day
- Teachers using graphical organisers as role models
- Displays celebrating thinking and pupil's thoughts

