



**Project Based Learning  
at  
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# What is PBL?

A **student-centred** pedagogy in which children have the potential to acquire a **deeper** knowledge and skills base through **active** exploration of real world challenges and problems.

They know the **bigger picture** of their learning and work **collaboratively** in groups on projects, constantly improving **drafts**.

By the end of each unit, students create a **beautiful product** which is presented to a **real audience**.

# Key Elements of PBL

Enquiry questions/ Key idea

Grounding text/ immersion in a topic or subject

Knowledge of the “bigger picture” and learning journey

Critiquing and multiple drafts

Constant feedback

Meaningful products

Real audiences

Multi-faceted assessment

Significant content



# What is PBL?

**Essential Question or Idea**  
**Significant educational content**



**Classroom Coaches**  
**Teachers guide students throughout the project**



**Drafting and Re-Drafting**  
**Evaluating, editing and re-drafting form a large part of the project**



**“Excellent Product”**  
**High in quality, and exhibited to a real, authentic audience.**

# Why PBL?

**It motivates and engages children**

**It improves oracy skills**

**There is no ceiling on learning**

**It prepares them for the real world**

**It promotes development that is wider than just academics**

**It puts learning at the hands of the learner**

**It produces beautiful work of value**

**It can solve real problems**

**It encourages children to make wider, more complex links.**

# **Example Projects**

**Green Screen documentaries about Ancient Greece**

**Mini Golf Courses with the Geography of Scotland**

**Ancient Mayan Civilisation Market Stall**

**Ancient Egyptian Museum**

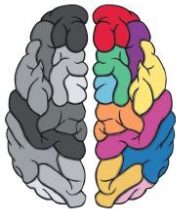
**Under the Sea Experience**

# What Makes a Good Learner

Children are taught, praised for, and reminded regularly about how they can learn best in their groups and how they can take control of their own learning journeys. Our own “What Makes a Good Learner” posters are displayed prominently in every classroom.

What makes a good learner?

## Perseverance and Growth Mindset



Good learners make mistakes and learn from them.

What makes a good learner?

## Revising and Redrafting



Good learners give and take feedback and support to improve their work.

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## Collaboration



Good learners work well in teams and respect one another.