

# Philosophy for children 'P4C'

# What is Philosophy For Children?

During this session we aim to show you:

- What P4C is
- What Ofsted think of it
- How we teach P4C
- Why we teach P4C
- What our children think of P4C



What do you think P4C is? Do we have negative or positive feelings about it?

# History of P4C?

- PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN (P4C) is a worldwide educational movement that began in 1972.

It is believed that by using the discipline of philosophy it could help children become more intellectually:

- Energetic
- Curious
- Critical
- Creative
- Reasonable.

# Why Philosophy?

- Philosophy promotes:

Questioning

Open mindedness

Precision in thinking

- It sets learning in the context of experience as a whole and looks at human concerns such as:

Fairness

Justice

Truth

Freedom

Responsibility

Right and wrong.

# What does a P4C lesson look like?

- Warm up
- Presentation of a stimulus- big ideas
- Thinking time- what interested them
- Question making
- Question choosing
- Discussion
- Last thoughts
- Review

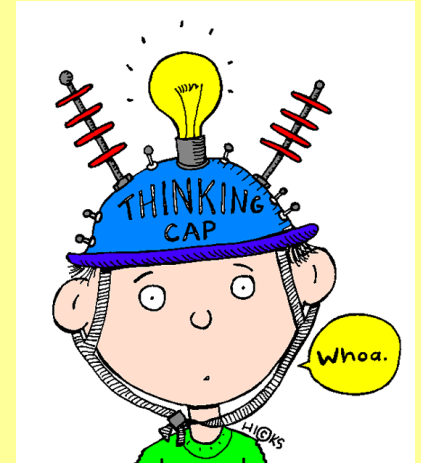


# Why are we teaching this?

Provides children with life long skills

- Thinking skills and problem solving
- Vocabulary for expression
- Reasoning, opinions and empathy

These skills connect to many areas of the curriculum. Ideas?



# What does OFSTED say?

- ‘Philosophy for Children’, a powerful tool which both excites the pupils and gives them the confidence to explore stimulating and challenging ideas and concepts.
- It not only strengthens their academic learning, but also encourages their empathy for others and gives them insights into the adult world. (*Ofsted Curriculum Grade 1 Ropsley Primary School Ofsted Report, Feb 2007*)

# P4C improves behaviour

- It has been noted in a number of schools that ‘Children who would normally be reticent in lessons have been proactive in putting ideas forward.’
- ‘Speaking and listening skills and manners have rocketed in sessions.’
- ‘Children who address each other aggressively in a normal situation, intercede in a polite and compassionate way.’

Hemlington Hall Primary School