

The Enablers

Key learning skills

Why?

We need to prepare children for the ever-changing wider world and to aid their mental well-being.

Children will come across the following:

- Disappointment
- People with different opinions
- Challenge

How?

We have identified the key skills together with the children:

- Empathy
- Independence
- Perseverance
- Creativity
- Ability to Question
- Optimism

The Owls



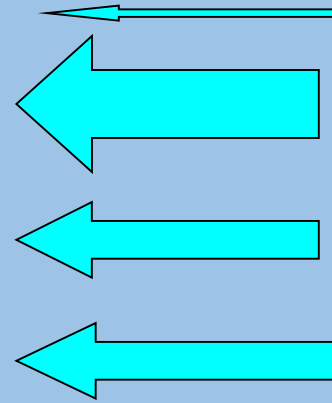
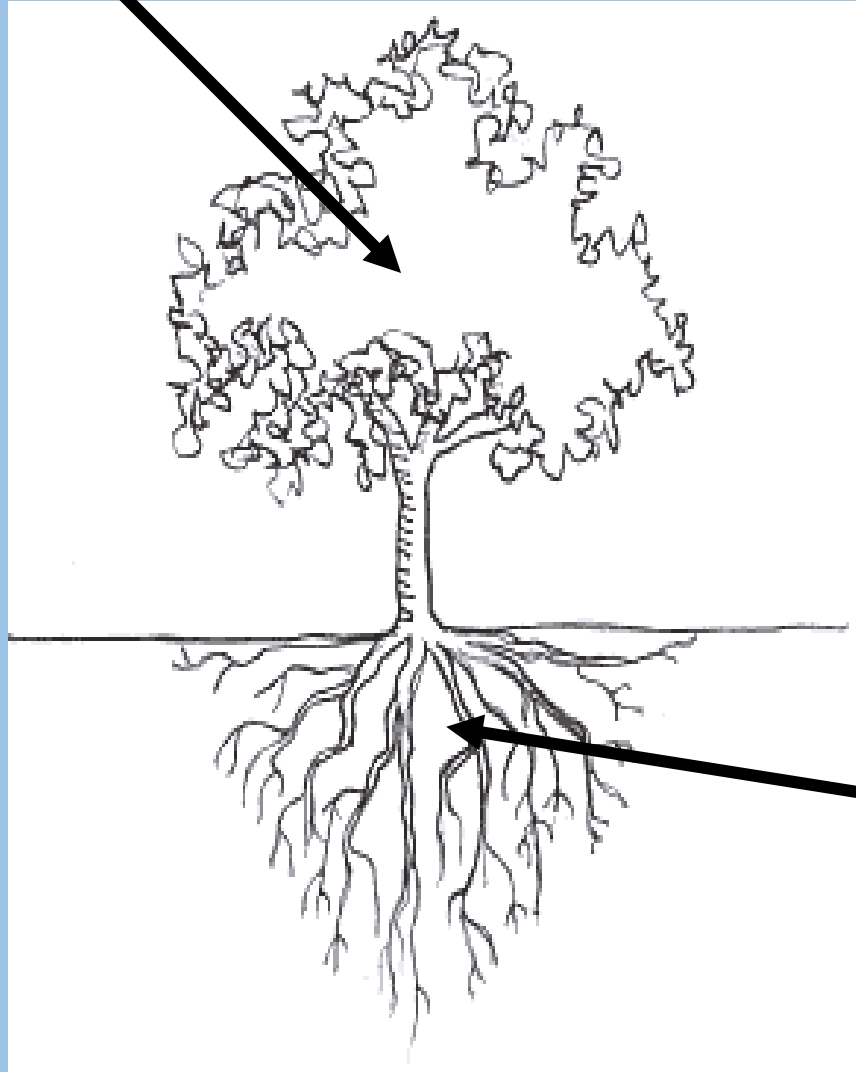
Empathy

Barack Obama says:

"My advice is to cultivate a sense of empathy - to put yourself in other people's shoes - to see the world from their eyes. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world."
Barack Obama

TREASONING

OPINION / BELIEF / VALUE / ACTION



WINDS:
REASONS
AGAINST

ROOTS:
REASONS FOR



Independence

Coco Chanel says:

“The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.”

Denis Waitley says:

‘The greatest gift you can give your children is the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.’

“Independent learning is a process, a method and a philosophy of education whereby a learner acquires knowledge by his or her own efforts and develops the ability for enquiry and critical evaluation”

What can we do?

- Giving pupils choices so they can reflect on their own interests and preferences
- Encouraging group work so that learners can learn from each other
- Collaborate with pupils to set shared learning goals
- Providing resources to aid independence



Perseverance

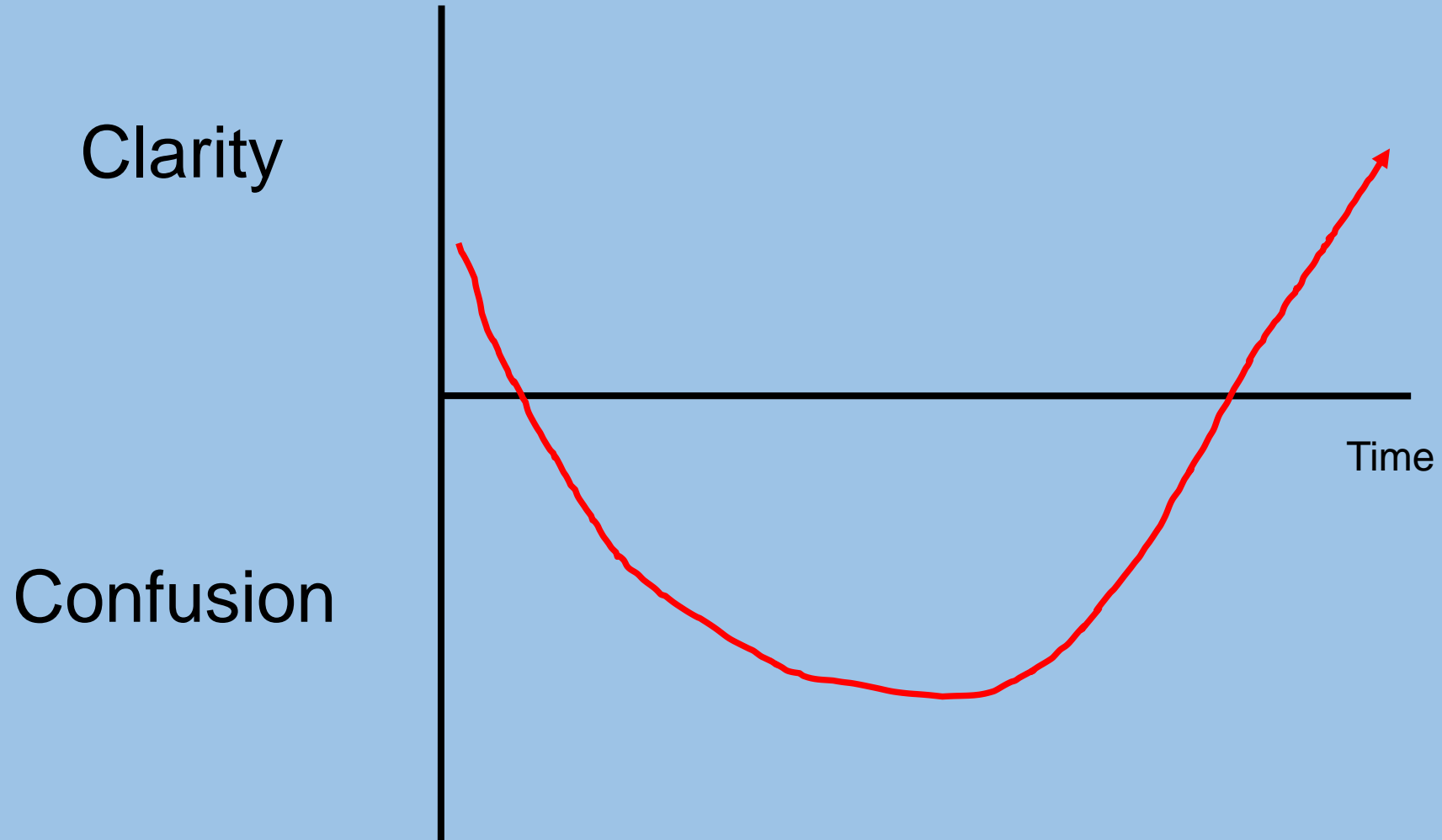
Albert Einstein says:

‘It’s not that I am so smart, I just stay with problems longer’

James Dyson:

It took Dyson fifteen years and more than 5000 prototypes before he achieved his goal.

“The Pit”



Concept: James Nottingham



Creativity

The Walt Disney company says:

“Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

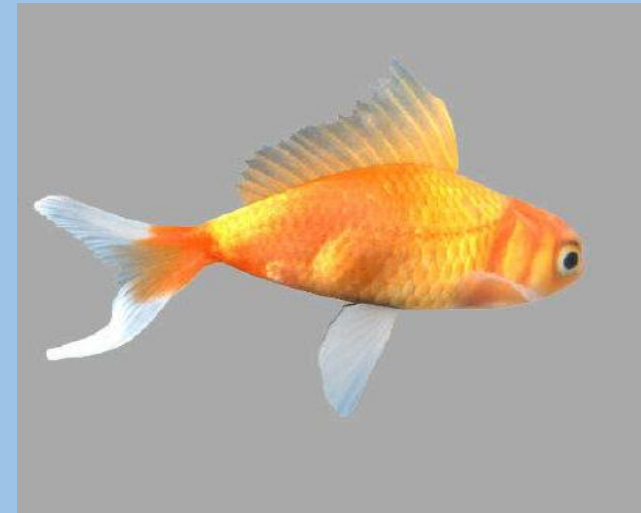
12 principles of creativity are:

- A belief that creative potential is inside everyone and can be found everywhere
- A belief that creativity can change things and improve things
- A belief that mistakes are to be celebrated, learned from and used
- A belief that creativity can be a natural response to pain, suffering and boredom
- An attitude of positivity towards surprising and unexpected events
- An attitude of openness to new ideas and experiences when they appear
- An attitude of 'smart risk-taking'
- An attitude of non-judgement
- An ability to actively seek out new ideas and experiences
- An ability to see familiar things in new and different ways
- An ability to use both analytic and holistic thinking
- An ability to make, think or do things that haven't been made, thought or done before

Creativity exists beyond the arts. It's a set of beliefs, attitudes and abilities that manifest in all subjects, all classes and in the minds of all pupils. If you allow it to.

Creative Thinking

The odd one out is... because...





Questioning

Albert Einstein says:

'The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing'

Questions seeking clarification:

Can you explain that...? What do you mean by...? Can you give me an example of...? How does that help...?

Questions that ask for reasons and evidence

Why do you think that...? How do we know that...? What are your reasons for...? Do you have evidence of...? Can you justify your opinion?

Questions that explore alternative views:

Can you put it another way...? Is there another point of view...? What if someone suggested that...? What would someone who disagreed with you say? What is the difference between that view and...?

Questions that test implications and consequences:

What follows (what can we work out) from what you say? Does that view agree with what was said earlier? What would be the consequences of that? How would you test to see if that was true?



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the yellow duck
because she’s
different and
lonely...”

- Bullying
- Different
- Lonely

Is bullying always bad?

When is it OK to be different?

Are people lonely because they're different?

Do people bully because they're lonely?



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1. Stimulus → 2. Story → 3. Concepts



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← 4. Questions!

(Offer question starters if useful)

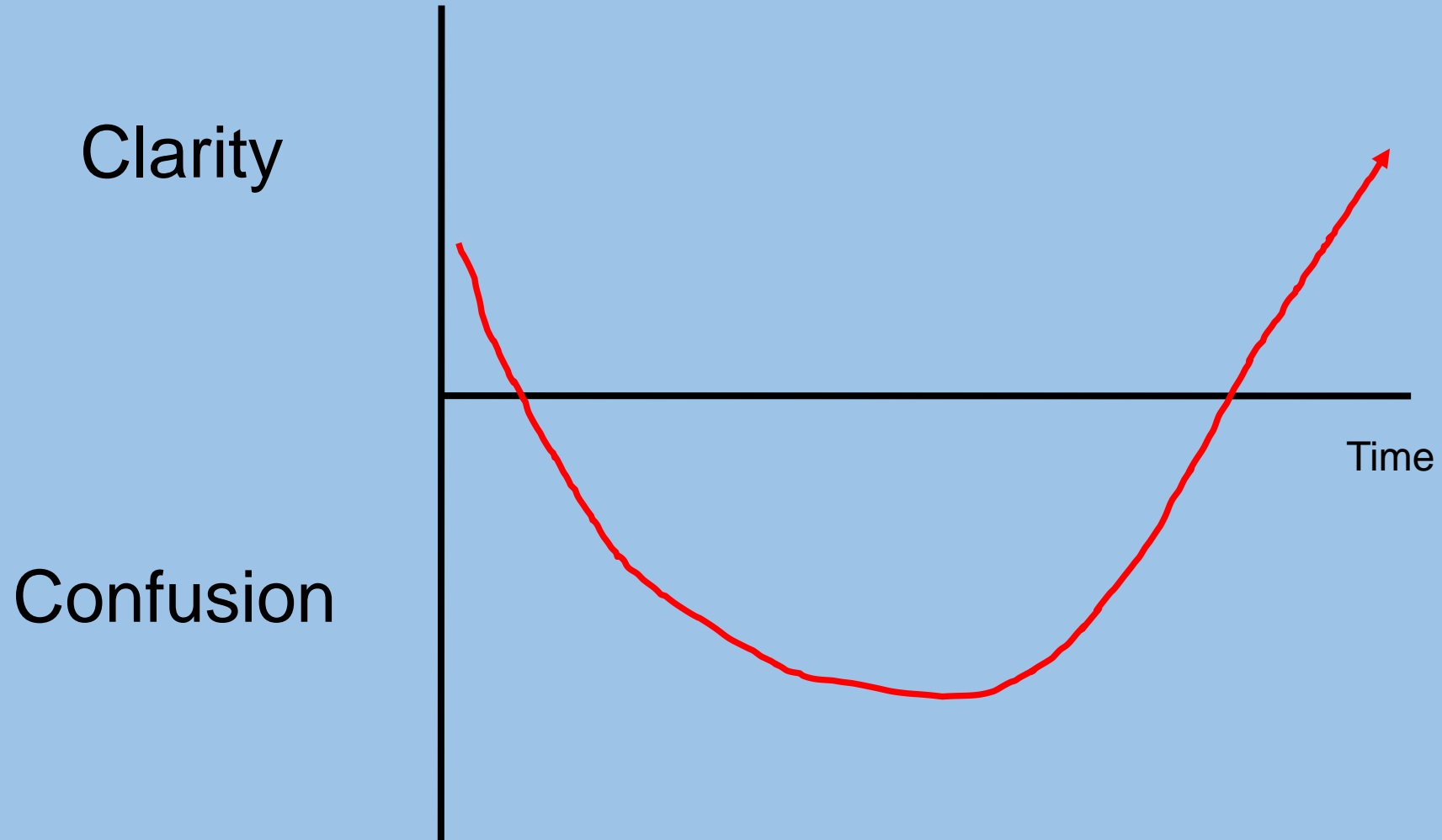


Optimism

Winston Churchill says:

‘ A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.’

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Would you rather have a magic ...

...**bag of sweets** that never runs out?

or...

...**carpet** that takes you anywhere?

or...

...**cloak** that makes you invisible?



Next Steps:

Enablers Days

Representations of 'Enablers'

Promote 'Enablers' through certificates