



Text: I am Henry Finch by Alexis Deacon, illustrated by Viviane Schwarz

Outcomes: Timetables, thought-bubbles, lists, commands, letters of advice

Main Outcome: Guidebook - How to Think

Overview and Outcomes:

In this sequence, the children think about thinking! Henry Finch has his first ever thought and he quite likes it. Children explore ideas around how to think but also about what makes them unique. Following a Mini Mindfulness session, the children help a Finch who is struggling to manage his own thoughts and write a guide on How to Think. Phonics teaching is embedded throughout and suggestions for Continuous Provision are also made.

Coverage from March 2017 Statutory EYFS Framework The statements below are not 'single-lesson' objectives, but statements intended to be covered by the end of the EYFS. They will often be met in part and returned to across the year and some will be covered implicitly through the teaching of other objectives, tasks, activities or continuous provision

PRIME AREA: Communication and Language

Listening and attention:

- listen attentively in a range of situations
- listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions
- give attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity

Understanding:

- follow instructions involving several ideas or actions
- respond to 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events

Speaking:

- express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs
- use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future
- develop own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events

SPECIFIC AREA: Literacy

.Reading:

- read and understand simple sentences
- use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately - read some common irregular words
- demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read

Writing

- use phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds - write some irregular common words

- write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others

- spell some words correctly and others phonetically plausibly

Phonics Links: it is the choice of the school which phonics programme is followed but any references to stages of phonics learning and teaching pertain to Letters and Sounds.

PRIME AREA: Physical Development

Moving and handling:

- show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements
- move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space
- handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing

Health and self-care:

- know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe

SPECIFIC AREA: Understanding the World

People and communities:

- talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members
- know that others don't always enjoy the same things and are sensitive to this - know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions

The world:

- know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things



PRIME AREA: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-confidence and self-awareness:

- try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others.
- speak in a familiar group
- talk about their ideas
- choose the resources they need for their chosen activities
- say when they do or don't need help

Managing feelings and behaviour

- talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable

- work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules

- adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride

Making relationships:

- play co-operatively, taking turns with others
- take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity
- show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children

SPECIFIC AREA: Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials:

- safely use and explore a range of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function

Being imaginative:

- represent own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role-play and stories.