

What are Higher Order Thinking Skills?

Children may need support with their Higher Order Thinking Skills if they are...

- struggling to follow conversations
- struggling with English lessons (particularly inferential comprehension)
- struggling with more complex questions.



Level A Level B Level C When a child is talking about look-When a child is talking about less When a child is talking about obvious features of stimuli ing at objects in a variety of what causes things to happen and make predictions about future (objects, pictures etc.). ways. events based upon past experi-Describing what's hap-'What will happen next?' ences. pening Predicting Giving instructions Remembering infor-'What might he say?' Justifying mation (Who/What/ Where?) Problem-solving Following two step instructions Describing objects 'Why did it happen?' Finding similarities Identifying functions Explaining Thinking of alternatives Finding differences 'What could we use?' 'Which one is NOT...?' Naming from categories 'Why cant we...?' Sequencing Retelling Defining words

