

## Fostering Independence

<p>Encourage a “can do” mastery attitude to learning.</p>		<p>Encourage children to make decisions for themselves. Stand back and give them space to solve their own problems.</p>
<p>Help children to develop their own possible explanations for events and the strategies to find out further information.</p>		<p><i>“What do you think is going to happen to the caterpillar? ... shall we find a book about caterpillars?”.</i></p>
<p>Encourage children to tell others about their own experiences (helping the consolidation process).</p>		<p><i>“Oh lovely ... you went to London at the weekend”.</i></p>
<p>Help children make connections between what they are doing and previous learning</p>		<p><i>“Do you remember when we read the Christmas story yesterday?”.</i></p>
<p>Raise children’s self-esteem.</p>		<p>Encourage children to support younger / less able peers.</p>
<p>Decrease the levels of support given</p>		<p><i>As children become more competent start to take away the building blocks and encourage their independence.</i></p>