



Ioan is the  
independent baker!

# Learning Heroes Arwyr Dysgu



## What is metacognition & why is it important?

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# What is metacognition?



- ★ It is 'learning about learning'!
- ★ It is about children learning about how they learn.
- ★ It is about children setting goals, monitoring and evaluating their learning.

## Why is metacognition important?

- ★ Research has shown that metacognition impacts positively on the progress that all children can make in school.
- ★ Metacognitive strategies are particularly effective when taught in groups so children can support each other in their learning.
- ★ Metacognition encourages children to take a greater responsibility for their learning, with teachers supporting and encouraging them.

## What are we doing at Whitchurch Primary School?

- ★ We are thinking of strategies that will help children become more aware of and improve their thinking and learning.
- ★ '*Learning to Learn*' is a prominent feature in all classrooms. We are working hard to encourage all children to improve their key learning skills and confidently apply them to a range of learning contexts.

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# Independent loan

Being an independent learner is all about trying to work things out on your own.

## What will children be doing?

- ★ Learning about independent loan
- ★ Comparing their own learning habits to loan's learning
- ★ Pupil Learning Reviews (PLRs) in Year 2 to Year 6
- ★ Talking about where they are in their learning using a visual image called 'The Learning Pit'



## Information about this Metacognitive theme:

- ★ Independence is described as challenging yourself, reflecting and learning from your mistakes in order to complete a task to the best of your ability.



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# Learning behaviours within independence:

## Magic of mistakes

We are not afraid of making mistakes or having a go because we can learn from them and practice makes perfect.

## Reflect and improve

We reflect on activities we have completed and evaluate to improve them further.



## Challenge yourself and take risks

We challenge ourselves to take risks and be the best that we can be.

## Effort

Changing our mindset, being flexible, reviewing how things are going and seeing new opportunities.

## Achievement

We set goals for ourselves to achieve our best work in different situations.



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# Questions you could ask your child about being independent

- ★ How have you challenged yourself?
- ★ What did you find challenging and why?
- ★ What are your targets in school?
- ★ Have you reflected on your learning?
- ★ What did you do to improve your learning?
- ★ How do you learn from your mistakes?



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We hope that your children will be telling you all about Independent Ioan and how they are becoming more independent in their learning too!

*If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.*

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