

# Why is dreaming so important?



Giving the children these opportunities to openly discuss their ideas and encourage their questions and wonderings provided for an environment where creativity and imagination could flourish.



What has become clear through these discussions with the students is the importance of continuing to foster opportunities for wonderment, curiosity and creativity where children can engage with their imagination.

Current research suggests that valuing imagination and creativity in our classrooms is important to our children's success. Leading educational researcher Ken Robinson suggests that creativity and innovation should be as important as literacy in our curriculum. "Our task is to educate their whole being so they can face the future." It is integral that as educators we create opportunities for children to explore, question and wonder for them to make change.

What will the children do with their dreams? What will they need to do to pursue their dreams? Author Sarah Ban Breathnach describes, "The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all, the world needs dreamers who do."

