



Learning to play, playing to learn – Think Tank Education at Polehampton Junior School

What is Think Tank Education?

It may be child's play... but you'd be amazed at what children can learn through games.

Think Tank's innovative programme for primary school children uses carefully selected games and puzzles from around the world to develop and sharpen children's **thinking, problem solving and interpersonal skills**. Through the well-structured curriculum, children learn how to apply these essential life skills to everyday situations - all whilst having a wonderful time!

Think Tank allows children to improve life skills, self-control and self-confidence, it also helps to sharpen their thinking processes which include:

Decision Making	Handling Emotions	Spatial Thinking
Memory Training	Problem Solving	Logical Thinking
Mathematical Thinking	Social Cooperation	Personal responsibility

So, what happens in a Think Tank class?

- *A group discussion or fun activity around the lesson's main theme and central concepts, concentrating usually on one game per week.*
- *Explanation of the rules and aims of the game and playing the game (normally in pairs or foursomes).*
- *Learning relevant game strategies and thinking concepts.*
- *Testing out the thinking concepts through playing the game.*
- *Discussing how the thinking concepts and game strategies can be applied in the game and also in real life situations.*
- *A reflective summary in which the children relate their learning, feelings and thoughts during the lesson.*
- *The etiquette of game playing and sportsmanship is stressed throughout the lesson.*

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- **To register your child for next term, please send an email to sarahahodgson@hotmail.co.uk with:**
- **Your child's school**
- **Your child's name**
- **Your child's year group**
- **Your mobile number**
- **Think Tank will take place at the school immediately after school every Monday for 1 hour during the spring term.**
- **The club starts on the 13th January and finishes on the 31st March**
- **Please make your payment via bank transfer. Please use your child's first name and surname initial and 'PJS' as a reference. Santander Business Account Name: HODGSON & SHEARMAN T/AS THINKTANK EDUCATION Sort code: 09-01-28 Account number: 73766844**
- **The cost for the term is £104.00**
- **Please register your child via email and pay the fees via bank transfer before the first session.**

We are looking forward to sharing Think Tank's programme with your child next term.

With kind regards,

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Strategic play for future success