

CAME in Warrington

Our decision to implement CAME within Warrington originated from a desire to try something new and different in KS2 to develop ways to motivate children and encourage them to think independently.

From our experience of how children learn we found:

- Most children were happy to be spoon fed
- They waited for ideas and solutions to be put forward
- As problems and life become more complex children need to be able to devise their own solutions
- It is important that we enable children to develop these skills

Initially started in 2003 with KS3 and introduced Primary CAME in 2004. As a result of the consultants working closely together the two groups merged to become one cross phase group in 2005. This involved:

- Teachers from primary and secondary schools planned and taught lessons to a range of year groups
- KS3 teachers delivering CAME lessons to a mixed year 6/7 group and year 6 children
- KS2 and KS3 teachers team teaching CAME lessons to year 4, 5 and 6 children

We have now moved onto working with KS1/2 teachers using the 'Lets Think' materials in years 1, 2 and 3.

So far.....

- Children have raised self-esteem – there are no wrong answers!
- Pupils now more able to contribute regardless of ability
- Cooperation in groups has improved
- Raised profile of speaking and listening across the curriculum
- Pupils ENJOY the lessons
- Pupils able to think through the challenges
- Better social skills developed
- Improved self-confidence and self-esteem
- Improved thinking skills

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