TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE (MIS)INFORMATION AGE

Four Key Principles:

SEL   Communication   Language   Critical Thinking

SEL

Social and Emotional Learning encourages students to empathise with others; fosters
tolerance and respect.

Look out for SEAS! (Silence / Embarrassment / Avoidance of eye-contact / Silliness)

Introducing the topic

Discussion questions

● Start with a general question
● Ask personalised questions
● Use present tenses, e.g. Imagine you are (poor). What do you do?
● Use a VTR to jump start the discussion

Visible Thinking Routines (Project Zero. Havard University Graduate
School of Education)

● See Think Wonder
  
  What do you see?   What do you think?   What do you wonder?

● Think Pair Share

● Question Starts

● I used to think... But now I think...

Scaffolding the discussion

● Pre-teach vocabulary and phrases
● Provide multiple-choice options
● Model the discussion with the class (and recast where relevant)
Use sentence starters and sentence frames
Hang up posters with key language
Display or hand out word banks
Use graphic organisers

Dynamics

pair work - small groups - large groups - whole class

Give students thinking time before discussing with a partner or in small groups. Then move towards larger groups or whole class feedback.

Format of discussion questions

Display on whiteboard or screen / handouts for groups / online tool

Follow up tasks

- Graphic organisers (for written tasks)
- Sentence frames (for opinions and conclusions)
- Posters or leaflets
- Research
- Role plays
- Community action

To find out more:

Visible Thinking Routines:

- [http://www.pz.harvard.edu/projects/visible-thinking](http://www.pz.harvard.edu/projects/visible-thinking)
- [http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org/](http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org/)
- Making Thinking Visible by Karin Morrison, Mark Church, and Ron Ritchhart (Jossey-Bass, 2011)
- [https://www.pinterest.co.uk/michelleworgan/visible-thinking/](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/michelleworgan/visible-thinking/)

Using sentence frames:

[http://www.k5chalkbox.com/how-to-use-sentence-frames.html](http://www.k5chalkbox.com/how-to-use-sentence-frames.html)