

LVT at St. Andrews

Logovisual thinking or LVT is the thinking that results from using tools that comprise moveable objects (such as post-it notes or magnetic hexagons) which can be written upon to give them meaning, in combination with a display surface that can also be written upon (typically a dry wipe whiteboard). More specifically LVT stands for:

Logo – articulating discrete units of meaning in words or icons

Visual – revealing and manipulating patterns and connections

Thinking – attaining new levels of understanding or perception

Since introducing the LVT boards at St Andrews, the boards have been widely used and enjoyed by adults and children alike. After an initial staff inset about the correct usage, purpose and benefits of the LVT boards, more and more teachers have used them as a tool for teaching and learning.

The boards have been used extensively and across curriculum areas including PSHE, Literacy, Numeracy, SRE, Science, SEAL and more recently during the knowledge harvest and mind mapping sections of our IPC schemes of work.



The boards have provided the children with the opportunity to work collaboratively across subjects and ability ranges. They allow the children to talk and learn from each other and push the boundaries of their individual thinking and so represent a highly inclusive way of teaching and learning. This has also allowed teachers to make observations of the children's thinking and consequently plan for necessary intervention and ongoing teaching and learning. As a result of this teachers have been able to plan and provide provision for the range of individual learners and learning styles that make up their unique cohort of pupils.

The children have enjoyed using the boards to gather ideas and generate new thinking, and have been able to present their thoughts and findings together. They have used the boards to work out problems and explain feelings and emotions. The children are genuinely excited when using them and they provide a way of engaging all learners.

The boards have also been used in many staff meetings to encourage similar learning and collaboration amongst the staff here. The LVT boards have been such a success at the school that we are on our third set of whiteboard pens already!

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For more information about LVT see www.logovisual.com/education

