

# Minibridge in the Classroom

Minibridge - a team card game that “levels the classroom playing field”

## Summary Funding Arrangements

- **Funding is now available nationally** to introduce pupils and staff to the game at no cost to schools
- A **Teacher’s inter-active CD** is included in the funded package on a free two-year trial licence
- Training sessions are about 3 hours. (Two sessions of about 80 minutes are required with a short break in between)
- The ideal minimum participation is 40 pupils and two qualified staff members
- The ideal pupil age range is 8 – 11
- Sessions are great fun and intensely practical. Most of the time is spent learning to play Minibridge while “discovering” its educational potential.
- Children usually want to play on for far longer than three hours such is its all-round appeal

## Summary Educational Implications

- Patterns and sequences
  - Probability and certainty
- Maths**
- Working with unknown numbers (basic algebra)
  - Adding/subtracting, single & two figure numbers
- Thinking Skills**
- Working memory
  - Handle key data
  - Problem solving
  - Focus and concentration
  - Apply strategic reasoning
  - Deductive and inferential logic
- English Language and Communication**
- Justify actions
  - Ask relevant questions
  - Challenge others appropriately
  - Contribute effectively to group discussion
  - Listen and respond appropriately to others
  - Explain a problem or a solution to a problem
- Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning**
- Negotiate
  - Take turns
  - Handle pressure
  - Comply with rules
  - Cope with competition
  - Cooperate with a partner
  - Respect others’ boundaries
  - Show patience and tolerance
  - Cope with winning and losing
  - Trust partner’s decisions and actions
  - Sit still and allow others time and space
  - Resolve conflict with partner or opponents

For further details or to book a Pupil/Staff Training Session in your school or cluster of schools:

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