Ten Thinking Tracks

Enlarge each set of tracks onto different coloured paper. Cut out, glue sets back to back and laminate.

1. What is it?
   - Clearly state the idea or issue.
   - What are its feature?
   - What would it look like in real life?

2. Knowledge
   - What do we already know about this?
   - Is this similar to anything else?
   - What do we need to know more about? How can we find out?

3. The Bright Side
   - What are the good aspects?
   - What are possible outcomes?
   - What opportunities could this provide?

4. The Down Side
   - What are the not-so-good aspects of this?
   - What problems could possibly happen?

5. Feelings
   - How does this make us feel?
   - How might this affect the feelings of people involved?
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6 Improvements
- What changes could make this better?
- What could be added, removed, reduced or altered to improve it?

7 Thought Police
- Can we challenge assumptions we’ve made?
- Are we using reliable sources?
- Are there any unanswered questions?
- Do we have enough evidence?

8 Is it fair?
- Are there any safety or legal issues?
- Are there any moral dilemmas?
- Did we consider the impact on others?
- Are there any global issues?

9 I think
- What opinion does each one of us have and why? (Say ‘I think ... because ...’)

10 We think
- What is our joint decision when we put our ideas together?
- What are our main reasons for this?
- Can we sum up the opposite point of view?