

# Homeschooling The Early Years Your Complete Guide To Successfully 3 8 Year Old Child Linda Dobson

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Planning for the Early Years Foundation Stage Apr 03 2020 The Practical Guidance in the Early Years Foundation Stage series will assist practitioners in the smooth and successful implementation of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Each book gives clear and detailed explanations of each aspect of Learning and Development and encourages readers to

consider each area within its broadest context to expand and develop their own knowledge and good practice. Practical ideas and activities for all age groups are offered along with a wealth of expertise of how elements from the practice guidance can be implemented within all early years settings. The books include suggestions for the innovative use of everyday ressources, popular books and stories. Planning for the Early

Years Foundation Stage complements the six Learning area books in this series by explaining the basis of clear planning and how it links to careful observation and assessment. Useful examples are provided throughout, Planning across the Early Years Foundation Stage will raise awareness of what is needed within early years settings, explain the who, when and whys of observation, assessment and planning, and making useful links to each of the other books in the series.

**Physical Activity and Health Promotion in the Early Years** Jun 05 2020 This book focuses on improving well-being among young children. It provides a theoretical base explaining why physical activity is important, and offers practical strategies for increasing health and well-being in early childhood settings. It takes ancient wisdom on the mind and body connection, applies it to the youngest children, and supports it with current empirical and international evidence—all with an eye toward improving wellness across the lifespan. The many topics discussed in the book include children’s motor skills, movement, interaction, physical literacy, the use of video games, dog ownership, developmental delays, as well as strategies to improve physical activities in the classroom and broader contexts. In recent years, children’s health has become a priority worldwide. Topics such as “screen time” “sedentary behavior” and “childhood obesity” have become important issues everywhere- in the news, in schools, in community and commercial settings, and among health care providers. Limiting sedentary behavior, increasing physical activity, and maintaining a nutritious diet are three fundamental needs during early childhood. Preschool years are a time when children begin to explore the world around them, and develop more vivid understandings of their surroundings. As this book shows, the early years may be the best time to teach wellness concepts and assist young children in establishing healthy lifestyle habits.

*Learning with Music* Sep 08 2020 Learning with Music offers an accessible introduction to music education theory for those working in the early years. Using real case studies and rich examples, the book provides practical suggestions to develop the formative ideas of music

education, such as melody, rhythm, pulse and timbre, into games and activities for every setting. Chapters include a range of tried-and-tested lesson sequences and accompanying developmental benefits, allowing practitioners to confidently create tailor-made lesson plans and manage music sessions, ranging from one child through to larger groups. Each concept is grounded in child development theory, as well as music education theory, giving practitioners an insight into the research-based principles and priorities of music education for their own unique setting. With a clear focus on the benefits of teaching music from birth to preschool, Learning with Music is essential reading for all Early Years practitioners, as well as students on Early Childhood courses.

**Creative Learning in the Early Years** Apr 27 2022 Taking a fresh look at the role of creativity within the early years, this accessible guide explores what is meant by creativity and considers how creative skills, behaviours, and thinking can be identified and fostered in the individual child. Underpinned by the latest research and policy, chapters illustrate how creative attitudes can be adopted in all subject areas, and opportunities for creativity maximised. Creative Learning in the Early Years acknowledges the power of creative processes in helping children reach their full potential in the early years and beyond. Photocopiable work tools enable the reader to plan, observe, assess, and record progress as they develop playful and creative approaches, whilst practical advice and demonstrable examples are easily integrated into existing practice. Topics addressed include: recognising and encouraging creative tendencies stimulating the child’s imagination developing adult creativity and self-awareness creating enabling environments and creative spaces using documentation and planning to inspire creativity. An exciting and accessible guide which encourages exploration, experimentation, reflection, and development, Creative Learning in the Early Years will support current and future early years practitioners as they discover the rich opportunities opened by creative practice.

**Supporting Children's Learning in the Early Years** Apr 15 2021 Supporting Children’s Learning in the Early Years is aimed at early years practitioners who are developing their knowledge and understanding of

professional practice through studying at undergraduate level. The book encourages readers to consider their professional development as reflective practitioners, building on and supporting the government agenda to provide quality provision for young children and their families. Combining theory and practice, and bringing together current research and thinking in a broad range of areas, the book covers: Learning environments: young children as learners, assessment of learning, well being and children's rights, diversity and inclusion. Learning and development: children's development including social and emotional development, literacy and mathematical development, the potential of ICT, fostering creativity, musical development and knowledge and understanding of the world. Reflective practice: the learning environment, safeguarding and wellbeing, the reflective practitioner. Throughout, the contributions in this book encourage the reader to consider the diverse range of experiences which young children bring to early years and early primary settings and suggest ways in which they can be supported. The book will also be a valuable and unique resource for training providers of a range of courses at further and higher education level that prepare people to work with, and lead in, early years settings in the UK.

*Child Development for Early Years Students and Practitioners* Sep 28 2019 This accessible guide to child development is for students of degrees and foundation degrees in Early Years, Early Childhood Studies and related disciplines and for early years practitioners. \*Introduces the context of child development \*Develops an understanding of development and of how early years practitioners can support this \*Explores the biological/social debate, and the importance of holistic development \*Examines factors affecting development and includes a chapter on reflective practice \*Considers the complexity of children's development and argues that it is not always a straight forward progression This fifth edition: \*is updated in line with the new EYFS and the updated Development Matters; \*is updated to include child development learning from 0-8 \*includes up-to-date guidance on assessment processes in the Early Years; \*includes a new section with

key knowledge on well known theories of child development.

*Early Years Practice* Jan 31 2020 With a strong focus on practice this is a guide for anyone becoming Early Years Teacher or Educator.

*Art in the Early Years* Jan 25 2022 For all involved in teaching young children, this timely book offers the necessary tool with which to develop a broad, creative and inspirational visual arts programme. Presented in two parts, this text covers both theoretical and practical angles: part one investigates contemporary early childhood art education, challenging what is traditionally considered an early years art experience part two puts theory to text by presenting the reader with numerous inventive visual art lessons that imaginatively meet goals for creative development issued by the QCA. The author strikes the perfect balance between discussion of the subject and provision of hands-on material for use in lessons, which makes this book a complete art education resource for all involved in early years art education. Teachers, trainee teachers, or nursery teachers, who wish to implement a more holistic art curriculum in the classroom whilst meeting all the required standards, will find this an essential companion.

**Working with Children in the Early Years** Nov 22 2021 Working with Children in the Early Years is an accessible introduction to early years theories, policy and practice, offering practitioners in a diverse range of settings the opportunity to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills for working with young children. This fully updated second edition builds on new government agendas and interests in supporting quality provision for young children and their families. Bringing together current research and thinking in a broad range of areas, it covers: the diversity of practitioner roles and multi-agency working with families listening to children observing and assessing developing professional roles health and well being curriculum and pedagogy the importance of play and learning in the early years All contributions are strongly practical and underpinned by relevant theory, and will support students and practitioners studying in the field of early years and early childhood studies as well as those aiming to achieve Early Years Professional Status. The book will also appeal to training providers, equipping them

with a valuable and unique source to support a range of early years courses.

**Child-Initiated Play and Learning** Feb 23 2022 Planning is central to the role of any early years practitioner and involves careful consideration of resources and the learning environment, learning outcomes, observation and assessment and the unique abilities of individual children. This is a big ask and in a busy setting it can be a challenge to adopt a flexible, creative approach to planning that embraces the unexpected rather than relying on templates or existing schemes of work. This book takes a fresh look at planning to consider the possibilities that should be encouraged when playing alongside young children. It shows how a creative approach that allows for spontaneous adventures in play through child-led projects leads to rich learning experiences that build on children's own interests. Drawing on practice from Reggio Emilia, New Zealand, Scandinavia and settings in the UK, the book covers all aspects of planning including: using observations of children to enable them to lead projects; organisation of indoor and outdoor learning environments; inclusive practice; learning through risk taking and adventure play; working with parents and carers; encouraging the team to consider different ways of working. Including encounters from authentic settings and provocative questions for reflective practice, this timely new text aims to give students and practitioners the confidence to adopt a flexible approach to planning that will better meet the needs of the children in their care. The authors are experienced lecturers, practitioners, mentors and assessors. Working with students, visiting placements, training teachers and early years professionals, they provide a sense of real purpose in their writing and enjoyment in the themes made explicit throughout this book.

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**Play in the Early Years** Feb 11 2021 The Early Years Learning Framework is a key component of the Australian Government's National Quality Framework for early childhood education and care. Play-based learning is an important focus in both the Framework and in early childhood education degrees at Australian universities. Play in the Early Years is a comprehensive study of pedagogy and play in early childhood education by a globally recognised leader in the field. Marilyn Fleer examines how play has been thought about across time, culture and institutions, including in childcare, family day care, schools and community groups. The book presents and analyses the latest research and theories about early childhood pedagogy and play. Vignettes and real-world examples help students connect theory to practice, while end-of-chapter glossaries help to consolidate understanding of key concepts and ideas. This is an accessible and engaging textbook that will be an invaluable resource for practitioners and undergraduate students of early childhood education.

California Infant/toddler Learning & Development Foundations Jan 13 2021

The Really Useful Book of ICT in the Early Years Jul 19 2021

Practitioners and students wishing to know how very young children develop an awareness of ICT will find this text invaluable. ICT has arguably one of the biggest impacts on every-day 21st century life, so its inclusion in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum reflects the need to encourage forward-looking practice in classrooms and nurseries. This book enables you to help young children develop their knowledge, understanding and skill in the use of ICT, with chapters from

contributors with a wide range of practical experience. Full of ideas and new thinking, this practical guide shows you how to: promote independence in children's use of ICT through resources like digital cameras and role-play toys. explore the nature of creativity through ICT, using it to support the more traditional areas of art, music, dance and writing use ICT to enhance the physical and sensory aspects of outdoor learning experiences. harness the potential of ICT in reaching children with a variety of different learning needs, particularly those with profound and multiple learning difficulties, or autistic spectrum disorders. value children's home experiences of ICT and build on what they already know, and how to work with parents in developing their child's ICT capability. ICT can underpin all areas of learning for young children; this highly practical, inspirational and informative text is therefore relevant to all practitioners and students training in Early Years education.

**Music and Singing in the Early Years** Mar 15 2021 Music and singing are an inherent part of children's lives and offer a wonderful opportunity to promote young children's learning and development. This how-to guide is full of useful information to support musical understanding and assist practitioners in developing their knowledge, skills and confidence in planning and leading successful and enjoyable musical activities in a range of early years settings. Focusing on the role of singing and children's musical learning at various stages of development, *Music and Singing in the Early Years* aims to demystify music by providing practical tips, ideas and information on the integration of musical activities in the early years curriculum and environment, and provides clear explanations of musical concepts. Chapters consider topics such as: vocal strategies and development using song, rhyme and movement integrating instrumental accompaniments observation and assessment planning and delivery resources for music making. This book is essential reading for all early years practitioners looking to improve their musical understanding and plan successful musical activities with young children.

[The Early Years Curriculum](#) May 17 2021 The Early Years Curriculum

brings together a range of curriculum models from across the world, providing in-depth discussion on key issues and theories, and enabling readers to consider each approach to children's learning within an international context. It encourages readers to explore different ways of understanding the curriculum, and to develop a critical understanding of the key issues that shape the way a curriculum is designed.

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**Play in the Early Years** Sep 01 2022 *Play in the Early Years* offers students an accessible introduction to Play, considering key concepts and current debates taking place here and now.

[Examining Levels of Involvement in the Early Years](#) Nov 10 2020 *Examining Levels of Involvement in the Early Years* studies the theory and rationale behind using young children's levels of involvement as a tool for enhancing their experiential learning in diverse settings by exploring values, beliefs, ideology, resourcefulness and environmental contexts. Drawing on Laevers' process-oriented Self-evaluation Instrument for Care Settings and the Leuven Involvement Scale for

Young Children, this book examines the theoretical constructs that underpin the development of these instruments as well as the practical implications of how and why practitioners may use the scales in their settings. More importantly, it looks at children's deep level learning capabilities and reflects on the engaging possibilities this presents. Using encounters with children and adults from a range of settings, it covers:

- connecting levels of involvement with local, national, international and theoretical approaches;
- embracing levels of involvement;
- involving the environment;
- levels of outdoor involvement;
- engaging with adult involvement;
- nurturing involvement through observation, assessment and planning.

Including contributions from experts in the field, this book will be essential reading for students, trainee early years practitioners and all those wanting to continue their professional learning.

**Early Years Pedagogy in Practice** Oct 29 2019 This accessible text encourages readers to understand and confidently engage with distinctive early years pedagogy. It shows how pedagogy not only underpins the early years curriculum but is also inherent in the role of the adult and the experiences that are offered to young children. The book explains what the differing early years pedagogies are, why they are encouraged, and the knowledge, skills, and practice that are required to work with them. Emphasising that what works in one situation may not in another and a wider pedagogical knowledge is essential to ensure quality outcomes for children, it considers key topics such as: the role of the pedagogue and developing your own style promoting a lifelong love of learning in children under your care sensitivity and inclusion for all children's cultures and communities promoting the rights of every child under your care. Incorporating reflection points and research tasks to support independent learning, this is essential reading for students on Early Childhood Studies courses and Early Years Foundation Degrees as well as early years practitioners.

*Inclusion in the Early Years* Jul 27 2019 The new edition of this insightful text on inclusion offers an overview of issues faced by practitioners. Full of practical activities, it helps both students and practitioners develop

their own inclusive practices.

**Understanding Children's Development in the Early Years** Mar 03 2020 This highly practical and accessible book is full of case studies and helpful advice on how to enhance our understanding of very young children. The author addresses key questions such as: is it nature or nurture that makes children who they are? how can I develop the best possible skills to interact with children? what can I do to help a child make a friend? how can I build sound relationships with parents, especially at times of conflict? is this child's difficulty being met by the nursery, or do we need expert help? Examples in this book are taken from a variety of real-life nursery practices and the case studies provide interesting and thought-provoking scenarios. Books in this series address key issues for Early Years practitioners working in today's nursery and school environments.

**Learning and Teaching in the Early Years** Nov 30 2019 Learning and Teaching in the Early Years provides a comprehensive, practical introduction to early childhood teaching in Australia.

**Early Years Policy** May 29 2022 How does early years policy impact on practitioners, children, settings and families? What are the implications of current policy for the future? How can early years professionals shape and craft practice in ways that genuinely focus on the needs of children and families, rather than the interests of policy makers? This exciting new text explores the changing context and increasing importance of early years policy. It takes a broad look at policy developments and shows how these have affected children, settings, parents and the early years workforce. Divided into two parts, the first examines theoretical perspectives and sets out the early years policy context, looking at issues surrounding accountability, international influences on policy and the Early Years Foundation Stage. The second half of the book directly shows how policy has influenced practice, and considers: the upskilling of the workforce and the impact of this on practitioners; the development of the learning environment including outdoor provision; sustained shared thinking and its link to high quality learning and teaching; the impact of policy on parents. Offering a fresh perspective on early years policy, this

timely textbook will be essential reading for students on undergraduate and postgraduate Early Years and Childhood Studies courses and those working towards Early Years Teacher status.

*Literacy Learning in the Early Years* Dec 24 2021 Children's early experiences of literacy have a major influence on how they continue to learn as they grow older. Children enter early childhood programs and school with a wealth of knowledge and understandings of literacy. It is critical that early childhood professionals and teachers recognise and build on this learning. *Literacy Learning in the Early Years* offers a practical introduction to literacy issues for early childhood professionals and teachers working with children aged 0-8, in childcare, preschool and school contexts. The authors take a socio-cultural approach to literacy learning, emphasising the importance of understanding the various contexts in which young children are involved in literacy practices. They explore a range of literacy issues that early childhood professionals and teachers are facing in the 21st century. These issues include the role of play in literacy learning, how to use information communication technologies with young children and ways of introducing critical literacy. Literacy is understood broadly and readers are encouraged to explore a range of print and other media with children. With chapters from both Australian and UK authors *Literacy Learning in the Early Years* is an ideal professional reference and student text. a very useful introductory text to literacy development in early childhood. It is clearly written and accessible to the wide range of professionals working with young children as well as to teachers and parents. It will be a valuable text in training at initial and in-service levels on a wide range of courses. Lesley Abbott, Professor of Early Childhood Education, Manchester Metropolitan University this well written, comprehensive book combines many practical examples of learning to do literacy and suggestions for action, and all the while engages the reader with questions and starting points for reflection. Susan Hill, Associate professor, The Centre for Studies in Literacy, University of South Australia

**The Early Years Intervention Toolkit** Mar 27 2022 "The Early Years Intervention Toolkit provides a range of ready-made activities to enable

early years practitioners and health visitors to address observed difficulties in a child's development, prior to starting school. It includes a checklist of observed behaviours which links to a range of effective and engaging activities to support children's development across the three prime foundational areas of learning: Communication and Language; Physical Development; and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Activities focus on a variety of crucial skills such as speaking and listening, moving and handling, and forming relationships, making use of materials readily available in every early years setting. This toolkit offers: A time-saving approach to interventions, with additional guidance on planning, providing, and recording appropriate interventions, Advice and activities to share with parents for them to try at home A framework to enable early years practitioners to identify specific difficulties in key areas of development, Downloadable resources to support activities and interventions The Early Years Intervention Toolkit is an inclusive programme and all children in the early years will benefit from taking part in the activities. It will be an essential resource for early years practitioners to effectively identify and support learning needs in child development and will boost the confidence of young children as they prepare for key stage one"--

**Teaching Early Years** Jun 29 2022 'This new early childhood text provides a comprehensive overview of early childhood education in Australia for children from birth to eight years. It reports on a wide variety of significant early childhood topics and is written in a style directed towards early childhood professionals.' - Kim Walters, President, Early Childhood Teachers Association The early years of care and learning are recognised as crucial for ongoing educational success and future participation in society. Early childhood professionals need specialist preparation to understand and effectively support early years learners. *Teaching Early Years* offers a systematic, research-based introduction to educating children from birth to eight years. Leading educators identify the key priorities in early years education and cover developmental issues, curriculum, pedagogy and assessment. Each chapter concludes with questions that guide reflection of the concepts

developed in the chapter. Written for early childhood education students, childcare workers and education leaders, Teaching Early Years is an essential resource for anyone involved in caring for and educating early years learners.

Language and Literacy for the Early Years Jun 17 2021 This core text for early childhood studies and early years students focuses on communication, language and literacy in the pre-school years. The text begins by discussing language acquisition and development covering development theory, talking with babies and the factors that affect development. It goes on to give guidance on how to support children's language acquisition through rhymes, songs, story books and storytelling. Finally, it examines the roots of literacy and asks 'what comes before phonics?' Interactive activities are included throughout to engage the reader and research focus features help students make essential links between theory and practice.

The A to Z of Early Years Oct 10 2020 From a leading voice in the early years community comes an accessible, dip in, dip out guide to all the hot topics in the sector. Born from questions raised on her early years blog, June O'Sullivan brings a combination of advice, good humour and plain speaking to address themes that come up time and time again. With entries ranging from apprenticeships to inspection, pedagogy to social enterprise, this wise and entertaining book will encourage conversation and change. From nursery managers to newly qualified teachers to experienced practitioners and educators, it has something for everyone. Ideal to read with a cup of tea when you're snatching a 10 minute break.

Effective and Caring Leadership in the Early Years Aug 20 2021 'This book introduces an intriguing juxtaposition of "caring" alongside "effective", and it is a thought-provoking book. Including examples of early years leaders on their own reflective learning journeys, it provides a rich source of ideas for relational leadership that are firmly based in research and professional experience.' - Professor Margaret Carr, University of Waikato, New Zealand Effective and caring leadership is an essential part of raising standards and increasing the quality of learning in early childhood settings. This book explains leadership practices that

can make a positive difference to the provision offered and improve outcomes for both children and families. With theoretical, practical and research-informed perspectives, this book: Uses case studies to provide examples of effective leadership Integrates education and care with key practices in effective leadership Explores directional, collaborative, empowering and pedagogical leadership Offers readers opportunity to reflect upon their own leadership practices This is a key text for anyone studying Early Childhood, existing and aspiring leaders, graduate Early Years Leaders and those training to work in settings, schools and children's services. Professor Iram Siraj is Professor of Early Childhood Education at the Institute of Education, University of London. Dr. Elaine Hallet is a Lecturer in Early Childhood Education at the Institute of Education, University of London.

The Early Years Matter Dec 12 2020 This accessible and engaging work introduces current and future teachers, child care providers, and others interested in early childhood education to the importance for the early years in children's well-being and success. It summarizes their research on the value of high-quality services for young children, families, and society, showing why early education matters both today and into the future. Emphasizing the need to understand and respect young children's strengths and unique characteristics, the authors offer inspiration for working in the field, as well as addressing the realistic challenges of implementing developmentally appropriate care and education.

**Early Years Policy and Practice** May 05 2020 A comprehensive and up to date text for all those required to understand early years' policy and practice. It provides a succinct insight into key elements of the national and international political, economic and social agendas that influence and affect young children's lives, and the impact of these on early years' professional practice and provision. It provides a critical examination of policy development and its application within an historical and international context.

A Guide to Mental Health for Early Years Educators Jul 31 2022 "This practical and accessible guide tackles the challenges that busy childcare educators face with their mental health in what is a wonderful,

rewarding, but often exhausting role. Drawing from 'day-in-the-life' experiences and case studies, this book sets out high-quality staff wellbeing practices that can revolutionise the way childcare practitioners approach their job and their own health. Chapters guide the reader through a process of reflection and development, encouraging and empowering them to create a workplace culture that positively contributes to their personal wellbeing. This book: Focuses on the realities of early years education, combining the authors' lived experience with examples of real-life practice; Encourages educators to think and feel positively about themselves; to identify the individual skills, strengths and talents they bring to their work; Can be used individually or collaboratively by team members, with guidance on creating a positive workplace culture with a shared vision, core values and beliefs. Essential reading for anybody who finds that the job they love can sometimes leave them feeling worn out, stressed and depleted, this book has been written to enrich the lives of all training and practising early years educators"--

*The Professional Development of Early Years Educators* Aug 08 2020

This book provides a critical insight into comparative approaches to the professional learning and development of early years educators - taken to include all those working in a professional capacity with young children in educative settings, including home-based care and education. It also analyses leadership development for the early years workforce, and the evaluation of the success or otherwise of professional development initiatives involving early years educators. The book includes perspectives on relevant policy development at local and national levels and critical consideration of research literature on the effectiveness of professional development programmes for early years educators. The book is essential reading for professionals working in early years settings, for those engaged with the professional learning of early years educators, and for academics researching professionalism in early years education. It provides international perspectives on the professional learning and development of those working in early years education. This book was originally published as a special issue of the

journal *Professional Development in Education*.

**Inclusion and Early Years Practice** Sep 20 2021 Inclusion is a difficult, complex issue for which there are no off-the-shelf answers. To be an effective practitioner it is necessary to identify what makes each situation and circumstance unique and use this knowledge to develop strategies and approaches that are appropriate. This timely new text examines the key perceptions, perspectives and concepts around inclusion in the Early Years. Drawing on real-life experiences of practitioners, it considers the questions practitioners are likely to come across in their professional lives and how they might genuinely go about meeting the needs of all the children in their care. The book covers all aspects of inclusion including special educational needs, gender and sexuality, multiculturalism, multilingualism, Roma and traveller communities and economic wellbeing. Each chapter features: Case studies to develop reflective thinking Boxed examples to illustrate key points Questions to promote discussion and debate Annotated further reading lists With case studies drawn from current research and thinking points which encourage reflective practice, this book will be essential reading for students on early childhood studies programmes and early years foundation degrees that wish to become reflective and critically aware practitioners.

**Learning Together in the Early Years** Oct 02 2022 This book brings together contributions from international experts on early years education to explore and debate relational pedagogy across different countries and in the context of a broad international field.

[Playing to Learn](#) Oct 22 2021 Sandra Smidt sets out to explain what play is and why it is so important as one of the key ways of learning, particularly - but not solely - for young children. She argues that all play is purposeful, and can only truly be considered to be play when the child has chosen what to do, where and how to do it. Using case studies drawn from all over the world, Smidt challenges some of the prevailing myths relating to play and pays close attention to what it is that early years professionals need to do to interpret the play, understand its purpose for the child and sometimes extend it. Attention is paid to the close links that

play has with creativity, and the author also highlights the importance of being able to explain to colleagues, parents and even those in government, why play matters so much in terms of learning and development. This book will be of interest to anyone involved in early years' education.

**Teaching and Learning in the Early Years** Jul 07 2020 This best-selling text book provides a broad-ranging and up-to-date review of thinking and best practice within nursery and infant education. Written around the basic truth that an effective early years curriculum must start with the children, their needs and their potential, the contributors to this classic text acknowledge that learning must have a strong element of fun, wonder and excitement. Fully revised and updated in light of recent changes to the Early Years curriculum, with brand new chapters on assessment, communication, writing, creativity and diversity, the contributors address a range of fundamental issues and principles, including: an analysis of research into how children learn; discussions of issues such as classroom organisation, curriculum management, and assessment; a detailed section on play and language; chapters covering individual curriculum areas, including new chapters on music and PSHE. Each chapter combines a review of important principles with practical and inspiring classroom examples throughout. It is essential reading for all Foundations Stage and KS1 trainee teachers, their tutors and mentors, and serving teachers working in the 3-7 age range who wish to reflect upon and develop their practice.

[The Early Years Handbook for Students and Practitioners](#) Nov 03 2022  
The Early Years Handbook for Students and Practitioners is a comprehensive and accessible course text for all students studying at levels 4 and 5, including on Foundation Degrees and Early Childhood Studies degrees. Designed and written by the Chair of the SEFDEY (Sector-Endorsed Foundation Degree in Early Years) Network and a team of expert contributors, this book covers the essential skills, knowledge and understanding you need to become an inspiring and effective early years practitioner. Divided into four parts: The Student-Practitioner-Professional; The Learning and Development of Children 0-5; The Child, Family and Society; and The Senior Practitioner-Professional, the book covers all aspects of working with young children and engages you with theory that is explicitly linked to your practice. Throughout there is a strong emphasis on supporting your transition to undergraduate study, developing your academic skills and encouraging you to be an active learner. In every chapter, the book seeks to help you develop your professional identity and features: Activities to help you to reflect on your own practice 'Provocations' to promote discussion and debate Case study examples and photographs to illustrate key points 'From Research to Practice' boxes outlining key research in the field and implications for practice. The book is supported by a companion website featuring, for students, links to useful websites and video material, and an interactive flashcard glossary. Online support for lecturers includes ideas for tasks and activities to use in class and the diagrams and images in the book available to download.