



Early Years Foundation Stage

A newsletter for colleagues involved and interested in Early Years



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What you said about – ‘Developing the Learning Environment for Child Initiated Learning’

“Very helpful and well presented.”

“Interesting and worthwhile.”

“Excellent pace and knowledge of advisers.”

“The course will help me to be reflective and use the children’s interests to spark ideas for use in the classroom.”

“A lot of things were covered – looking at planning, how to create different learning areas. Links between indoor and outdoor area.”

Building bridges: transition across EYFS into Year One

The aim of this course is to enable schools to help children make the transition to Year 1 successfully. This one-and-a-half day course is for two teachers from each school: one from Year R and one from Year 1.

Course dates are as follows:

Event A Day 1: 8/3/2011 Day 2 (half): 17/5/2011

Event B: Day 1: 10/3/2011 Day 2 (half): 12/5/2011

Event C: Day 1: 16/3/2011 Day 2 (half): 5/5/2011

Event D: Day 1: 22/3/2011 Day 2 (half): 4/5/2011

Day 1 - 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Day 2 - 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Ref: EPRB5

Book now to avoid disappointment!

EYFS: Parents as partners

This course aims to support children’s learning and development by promoting partnerships with parents and carers.

This course is aimed at:

- EYFS leaders
- Nursery teachers
- Year R teachers
- Nursery Nurses
- Teaching Assistants

This is a one-and-a-half day course.

Wednesday 18 January and 2 March

Wednesday 9 February and 23 March

Ref: EPRA1

Book online now to save your place!

One’s to watch out for!

“Learning, playing and interacting in EYFS” for Nursery and YR teachers - summer 2011

“Understanding EYFS data” for head teachers and EYFS leads – summer 2011

“Encouraging creativity in young children” spring 2011

“Mark making matters: young children’s writing” spring 2011

These courses will be advertised soon, so keep an eye out for them!

All courses can be booked using the online course booking system:

<http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms/>

**Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!
From Alison, Janette,
Cheryl and Lydia**

Books like 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson are perfect at this time of year and allow you to follow the children's interests and enthusiasm for the season in the warmth of your classroom.

Make the most of the cold and icy weather and get outside with your children.

There is so much to explore and discover!

Take a walk around your school grounds and look at how different the school looks and sounds.

Ensure children have access to magnifying glasses so they can look closely and investigate. Don't forget to take photos of their discoveries!

Encourage the children to watch as the crisp frosty leaf lying on their hand slowly turns into a wet leaf and puddle.

Jot down the vocabulary children use to describe the snow, frost and ice and display it with photos of children learning and playing.

Playdough Recipe

2 cups of plain flour

½ cup of salt

1 cup of water with colouring of your choice

1 tablespoon of cooking oil

1 tablespoon of hand lotion

Method

1. Mix flour and salt together.

2. Add hand lotion, oil and water. Mix well and knead until dough is smooth.

(This is a pliable, pleasant-smelling dough, which keeps well.)

Need some help?

The Early Years team offers: courses ~ advice and support through PIPP ~ staff meetings ~ INSET days, ~ cluster development ~ and modelling of adult-led activities



EYFS: Twilight Session for NQTs

An opportunity for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT's) to bring their questions and ideas to share with other NQT colleagues who work in EYFS. Led by Sarah Mills, AST and practising EYFS teacher, and Alison Orsborne, Adviser for Early Years.

**17 January 2011 – 4pm to 5.30pm
West Norfolk PDC**

**27 January 2011 – 4pm to 5.30pm
Norwich PDC**

Ref: EPRC2

You can still book your place on:

Using the Interactive Whiteboard in EYFS (Promethean)

An opportunity to use the Interactive Whiteboard to support teaching, provide interactive activities for the children and produce materials for Shared and Guided Reading. This course would be useful for EYFS practitioners.

Delegates would need to bring a laptop with ActivPrimary software.

**15 February 2011 – 9.30am to 3.30pm
Norwich PDC**

Ref: EPRB4

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