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Learning Through Play - Tina Bruce 2011

"For babies, toddlers and young children"--Cover.

The Routledge International Handbook of Early Childhood Play - Milda Bredikyte 2017

Historical changes in play are taking place in childhood all over the world, with the digitalisation of children's lives. Researchers are worried about the disappearance of advanced forms of play and the prioritization of time spent with loving adults, supporting play with babies and toddlers. At the same time, our understanding about the crucial importance of individual development is becoming clearer. The Routledge International Handbook of Early Childhood Play explores these issues and more. It proposes the importance of adult participation in play, as adult guidance brings the possibility of moral, cultural and symbolic elements to children's play, and enhances the educational opportunities in adult-child joint play. The book also examines the aesthetic dimension of play and its role in the development of imagination and creativity. With contributors from many parts of the world, this unique handbook brings together the latest research and highlights practice which focuses on play. This is an essential and engaging read for all students, academics, teachers and practitioners with an interest in play.

Understanding Schemas in Young Children - Stella Louis 2013-06-20

What are schemas and why do they matter? Again! Again! provides an introduction to understanding and supporting schemas and schema play in young children. Practitioners will find an overview of schemas with guidance on where they fit within the EYFS. There are examples of schemas, with illustrations and descriptions of common behaviour patterns, and these are set within the general context of child development. The intention is to help early years practitioners identify schemas and to understand both how important they are and the vital role they play in the growing child's learning. The aim is to help the reader understand how they can develop, plan and resource activities which support children's learning through experiment and play.

Self-Esteem and Early Learning - Rosemary Roberts 2006-10-18

Focusing on the period from birth to school, this book is about babies' and young children's feelings, their learning; and the ways in which the adults in their lives can support their emotional, social and cognitive development. Looking at the perspectives both of the child and the adult, it presents thought-provoking ideas and questions on how adults can make the most of opportunities to support the children with whom they live and work. A story, in episodes embedded throughout the book, makes this an accessible and enjoyable read. In this third edition, there are new and updated chapters on: • Young children's transitions, with a particular focus on starting school • Young children's positive 'learning dispositions' • Brain research and its possible implications • Further reading, signposting some enchanting children's books as well as important new texts. The book explores the basis of the 'key person' relationship, looking at attachment 'in practice', and linking developmental issues with the early development of self esteem. Written for students on early childhood courses and staff in early childhood care and education settings and integrated Children's Centres, the book will also be of interest to parents and carers.

Building Positive Relationships with Parents of Young Children - Anita M. Hughes 2012-04-12

Positive relationships between practitioners and parents are essential for young children's wellbeing, but achieving this can be difficult if there is not enough understanding about how relationships work when one person (the practitioner or teacher) has to play the professional role. Strong communication skills are fundamental to this relationship and to building a sense of community between home and nursery or school.

This new book explores how practitioners can build warm, friendly and caring relationships with parents. It clearly explains the dynamics of a conversation, the theory behind how relationships are formed or destroyed and provides practical strategies to put this knowledge into practice. Grounded in the theories of attachment, transactional analysis and solution focused therapy this book will help you to: Increase your level of self awareness Improve your listening skills Understand 'how' to communicate with different parent 'types' Learn how to conduct an individual parent interview Develop professional care giving skills Full of practical examples and strategies, this text will be welcomed by early years practitioners and students who wish to develop the skills and confidence they need to effectively communicate with the parents of the children they care for.

Early Childhood Practice - Tina Bruce 2012-04-20

Nursery World Awards 2012 winner! This stimulating book brings together contributions from distinguished practitioners, who demonstrate how they have used educational methods advocated by Froebel in contemporary settings. Stressing the importance of outdoor play, they explore the Froebelian principles of: - Play - Learning through firsthand experience - Parent partnership and community in early childhood - Practitioners supporting children's interests and learning - Finger rhymes and action songs - Movement - The garden and forests - Wooden blockplay - Use of clay, paint, junk modelling, construction kits The book emphasises how learning and the application of knowledge become possible through play. It contrasts the Froebel approach with the methods such as Montessori, Steiner and recent approaches to play such as post-Modern 'playfulness'. This book is relevant to undergraduate and postgraduate students of Early Childhood Education, as well as students following QTS and EYPS, PGCE, CPD and BEd courses. Tina Bruce CBE is an Honorary Visiting Professor in Early Childhood at the University of Roehampton.

CACHE Level 3 in Child Care and Education Student Book - Penny Tassoni 2007

Provides support for students studying for the CACHE Level 3 Child Care and Education qualification. This work features an index to help students find just what they're looking for. It also includes case studies, activities and photos that help students to apply their learning, develop professional skills, and reflect on their practice.

The Child's Curriculum - Colwyn Trevarthen 2018

All children are born with emotional talent. If left untended, those talents can wane during the first five years of life. The text focuses on children's readiness for learning. It addresses the natural joy explicit in children's early conversations and engagement with music and their development through play with both adults and other children.

Learning Through Woodwork - Pete Moorhouse 2017-12-22

This essential guide provides clear and comprehensive support for those looking to introduce creative woodwork into early years settings. With theory, practical advice, stunning colour images and case studies, the book will inspire practitioners to embrace woodwork and encourage children's independent creative learning. Focusing on the numerous benefits that working with wood offers young children, from boosting their self-esteem and problem-solving skills, to enhancing their communication and social development, the author draws on over 25 years of experience to discuss each and every aspect of establishing woodwork in the early years curriculum. Including practical information on materials and tools, staff training, and health and safety advice, this go-to guide provides a treasure trove of ideas to engage children at various stages of development, drawing the maximum benefit from working with wood and tools. Both inspiring and

informative, Learning Through Woodwork will become an essential tool for early years practitioners and teachers wishing to explore and develop woodwork provision.

Early Childhood - Tina Bruce 2010-01-20

Designed for students on Early Years Foundation Degrees and Early Childhood courses, Early Years professionals and Teaching Assistants, this engaging text provides a comprehensive introduction to the field of early childhood. Written and edited by experts in the field, the book clearly explains theory through illustrations of good practice, with case studies, reflective exercises and suggestions for further reading. Additional case studies and reflective questions for student or lecturer's use can be found on the SAGE website. Each chapter has been revised with an emphasis on encouraging reflective practice and there are new chapters on: - personal, social, and emotional development - EYPS - health and safeguarding children This brand new edition has also been updated in light of the new Early Years Foundation Stage, and addresses the needs of students working towards Early Years Professional Status (EYPS).

Early Childhood Theories and Contemporary Issues - Mine Conkbayir 2014-11-20

Having a good grasp of the theories of child development and how these translate into practice can make a positive difference to how you understand babies and children and the ways in which you can help them learn. This approachable guide offers easy access to a wide range of concepts, as well as classic and current theories, about how babies and children learn. Each chapter offers clear guidance on how to recognise the theory in action and suggests ways to test these ideas out in early years settings, supporting the development of reflective practice. Case studies are included throughout, along with questions to guide thinking and encourage readers to develop their practice. Summaries conclude each chapter offering a quick reference of the theory examined and the benefits of applying it to practice. Early Childhood Theories and Contemporary Issues is an essential guide for all those looking to develop and enhance their practice in supporting child development within the early years.

EBOOK: War, Conflict and Play - Tina Hyder 2004-10-16

"This informative and compassionate book challenges the negative picture of refugees and asylum-seekers portrayed in the media. Tina Hyder shows that despite the trauma that young children go through, only a small percentage need specialist help. For the majority their healing can be promoted through play, particularly in culturally appropriate and anti-discriminatory settings. I strongly recommend this book to all practitioners working in today's early years settings." Babette Brown, author of *Combatting Discrimination: Persona Dolls in Action and Unlearning Discrimination in the Early Years* This book is about the experiences of young refugee children and asylum seekers and their families in the UK. It describes how war and conflict can interrupt the development of young children as relationships and communities are destroyed and looks at how play can help to restore these children's lost childhoods. Tina Hyder highlights the importance of early years and preschool provision as a healing and restorative experience for young children and their families. She sets work with refugee children into the context of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and helps readers to see beyond alarmist headlines and stereotypes presented in newspapers. The book provides: Useful summaries of research on child development, theories of play, and the impact of conflict on young children Practical examples of play-based activities to help young children A framework for early years practitioners to support refugee children and their families. War, Conflict and Play is essential reading for practitioners in early childhood settings and students on early childhood courses.

Friedrich Froebel - Tina Bruce 2021-01-28

"Friedrich Froebel considers the origins of Froebelian early childhood education providing context to the development of his theories and ideas, critically examines the key themes of this philosophy of education and explores the relevance of Froebelian practice today. Tina Bruce explores the key aspects of Froebelian philosophy of education: the importance of family, the importance of highly trained teachers, the importance of nature, the whole child and the Froebelian concept of unity, mother songs, movement games, play and self-activity of the child. Bruce considers the implication for Froebelian practice, the views of critics and supporters, the implications for education today and for research"--

Early Childhood Education 5th Edition - Tina Bruce 2015-07-31

Suitable for a wide range of Early Years and Childcare qualifications, this new edition of Tina Bruce's

classic text will help build students' practical skills by drawing on the history of Early Years and the most recent educational theories. Now in its 5th edition, this trusted resource written by experienced and respected childcare author Tina Bruce has been updated to include the most recent theories and research, including new studies on language acquisition, attachment theory and self-regulation. Early Childhood Education 5th Edition is the perfect textbook for a wide range of Early Years and Childcare qualifications including BA Hons in Early Years Education and Early Childhood Studies, PGCEs and Foundation Degrees. - Gives a detailed overview of education principles in early childhood, all outlined in Tina Bruce's clear writing style. - Uses case studies to help learners understand how theories apply in real-world settings. - Supported by highly illustrative photographs showing the key aspects of practice

British Froebelian Women from the Mid-Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Century - Amy Palmer 2020-07-09
British Froebelian Women from the Mid-Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Century presents a series of critical case studies of individual women who worked and advocated for the cause of Froebelian and progressive pedagogy in Britain from the mid-nineteenth century until the present day. The book presents a compelling picture of how women have contributed in powerful ways to educational life and child-centred practices. The book examines the beliefs and values of its subjects, offering crucial insights into how these women forged their professional identities and practice as new thinking about education and childhood emerged, and considers the differing forms of inspiration they drew from their connections with the Froebelian community. This book will be of great interest for postgraduate students and academics in the fields of Women's Studies, History of Education, Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Studies.

The Routledge International Handbook of Froebel and Early Childhood Practice - Tina Bruce 2018-08-06

A major influence on the education of young children since the late nineteenth century, the philosophical and practical tenets of Froebelian early childhood education require urgent re-articulation in light of current debate and developments in research and policy. This seminal Handbook responds to this need, drawing together a unique and valuable body of literature, research and case studies to make explicit the specific features of Froebelian education and provide key impulses for future research and practice in this area. Chapters present the sometimes divergent perspectives of leading educationalists, and so offer a uniquely comprehensive overview of Froebelian approaches and their interaction with contemporary policies and insights. The Handbook explores five significant areas of scholarship and practice: Part I examines the original Froebelian principles and practices in early childhood education in different parts of the world. Part II presents case studies, development projects and practitioner publications exploring Froebelian approaches to early childhood education. Part III details research studies which document, debate and evaluate Froebelian approaches. Part IV considers how Froebelian approaches might be sustained and adapted for use in various cultural contexts across the world. Part V offers a re-articulation of research and policy. An essential resource for in-service and future practitioners, researchers and policy-makers involved in early childhood education, this key text will promote discussion, aid analysis and further the practical application of Froebelian principles.

Learning Through Play, 2nd Edition For Babies, Toddlers and Young Children - Tina Bruce 2012-03-16
Praise for the first edition: "The key advantage to this book is the way in which it is easy to read and the amount of information it provides with regard to the role of play in supporting young children's learning." Karen Phethean, University of Winchester "This book is excellent. It is an invaluable resource for both qualified and trainee early years practitioners. Tina Bruce has a real talent with how she expresses ideas. The concepts are presented in an accessible way. The material is suitable across a range of levels of study." Caroline McGrath, Programme Manager for Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies, City of Bristol College in partnership with the University of Plymouth "I would always recommend books by Tina Bruce to my students as she is highly accessible, combining theory and practice closely together. They are attractively laid out and are therefore popular with students." Maureen Brookson, University of East Anglia Professor Tina Bruce CBE, an acknowledged expert on play, clearly presents the key ideas and demonstrates the best practices for cultivating play in an Early Years setting. The book covers historical perspectives, how we can observe and study play, and the role of play in learning, developing abstract ideas, helping children to relate to one another. She shows that play helps children to achieve the highest

form of learning in early childhood. This new edition of Learning Through Play will provide students and practitioners with an invaluable guide to the core values behind play, the importance of play for children from 0 to 5 years old, and practical schemas for getting the best out of play in an Early Years or Educational setting. It will be an ideal text for those studying play at levels 3 and 4, Foundation Degrees, Undergraduate Early Childhood Studies and Primary Education courses, Post-graduate study and for those working in an Early Years setting.

Educating Young Children: A Lifetime Journey into a Froebelian Approach - Tina Bruce 2019-06-13
In the World Library of Educationalists international experts compile career-long collections of what they judge to be their most significant pieces – excerpts from books, key articles, salient research findings, major theoretical and practical contributions – so the world can read them in a single, manageable volume. Readers will be able to follow the themes and strands and see how their work contributes to the development of the field. *Educating Young Children: A Lifetime Journey into a Froebelian Approach* draws together Professor Tina Bruce CBE's most prominent writings from her accomplished 40-year international career in education centred on the Froebelian tradition. Chosen to illustrate the changes that have occurred in Professor Bruce's thinking and practices over the last four decades, carefully selected readings address key Froebelian themes such as literacy, play, inclusion and creativity. Short introductions are provided for each chapter and excerpt, helping readers to understand the significance of what is presented and explaining how this relates to other chapters in the book. Including chapters from Tina Bruce's best-selling books and articles, as well as leading journals, this collection offers a unique commentary on some of the most important issues in Early Childhood Education over the last four decades; it will be engaging and inspiring reading for anyone interested in the development and state of early years education in the UK and internationally.

Friedrich Froebel - Tina Bruce 2021-01-14

This book considers the origins of Froebelian early childhood education providing context to the development of his theories and ideas, critically examines the key themes of this philosophy of education and explores the relevance of Froebelian practice today. Tina Bruce reflects on central aspects of Froebelian philosophy of education: the importance of family, highly trained teachers, engagement with nature, mother songs, movement games, play and self-activity of the child, the whole child and the Froebelian concept of unity. In exploring each element Bruce considers the implications for Froebelian practice and research today, and addresses the views of critics and supporters. Each aspect is considered within an international context, drawing on research and practice from across the world. The final chapter gathers together the next steps for Froebelian early childhood education, providing navigational tools and suggestions for what needs to be addressed if Froebel is to remain useful to future practitioners, researchers and policy makers.

How Children Learn (New Edition) - Linda Pound 2019-10-08

An ideal introduction to the pioneers of educational theory for anyone studying childcare, child development or education – whether at further or higher education level. The first edition of this book has been a best-seller for almost a decade, identified as one of the top ten books for students of child development or early childhood care and education. In this new edition, there is an increased emphasis on both what practice based on particular theories of learning looks like and on criticisms of each theory. A glossary is included in sections highlighting words and concepts particular to the theorist in question. Full-colour photographs are used to illustrate some aspects of each theory or approach. *How Children Learn* looks at a wide range of theorists and practitioners who have influenced current understandings of how children learn and what this means for work with young children. The book summarises the findings and ideas of famous giants such as Montessori and Piaget as well as the more recent ideas of writers and thinkers such as Howard Gardner and Margaret Donaldson. It begins by looking at the work and life of Comenius who is widely described as the father of modern education and looks at the theory behind different approaches to early childhood care and education such as Steiner Waldorf education, HighScope and Te Whariki. You will find this book invaluable in giving you a clearer picture of how ideas about children's learning have developed over the past four centuries.

Theories and Approaches to Learning in the Early Years - Linda Miller 2010-12-29

By focusing on key figures in early years education and care, this book considers the influential thinkers and ground-breaking approaches that have revolutionized practice. With contributions from the leading authorities and researchers in the field, chapters provide an explanation of the approach, an analysis of the theoretical background, case studies from practice and questions and discussion points to facilitate critical thinking. Written in an accessible style and relevant to all levels of early years courses, from undergraduate to graduate degrees, the book asks the reader to engage with debates and to develop their own views and opinions.

Early Childhood Theories Today - Aaron Bradbury 2022-05-25

If you work in the early years, you have probably heard of Montessori and Bronfenbrenner - but have you heard of Bavolek or Fisher? Contemporary theorists and theories of early childhood learning have much to teach us. It is often forgotten that this learning is still evolving and that new voices are joining the discussion every year. This book introduces early years practitioners to some contemporary theorists and explores their work alongside more well-known thinkers. It demonstrates how these theories relate to everyday practice in the early years and that discussion of them can support ongoing professional learning.

Intelligence, Heredity and Environment - Robert J. Sternberg 1997-01-28

The debate over nature versus nurture in relation to intelligence is not as clearly drawn as it was ten years ago, when geneticists claimed that intelligence is innate, while environmentalists claimed that culture is the major determining factor. Although the debate has not been resolved, it has been significantly refined. Robert Sternberg and Elena Grigorenko address the roles and interaction of nature and nurture in Intelligence, Heredity and Environment. This book provides a comprehensive, balanced, current survey of theory and research on the origins and transmission of human intelligence. The book is unique in the diversity of viewpoints it presents, and its inclusion of the very most recent theories and findings. It highlights the search for genes associated with specific cognitive abilities, interactionist theories, cultural relativism, educational strategies, developmental perspectives, and fallacies of previous intelligence research.

How Children Learn - Book 3 - Linda Pound 2017-02-21

This book summarises the ideas of educational theorists and psychologists of the last 60 years, from Elinor Goldschmied to Tina Bruce. It also looks at the important contemporary issues in early years education, from whether boys and girls learn differently to the role of the community in the early years setting.

Child Care and Education 6th Edition - Carolyn Meggitt 2016-07-04

Deliver an in depth programme of teaching for level 3 and level 4 with this classic textbook that inspires your students to go further. Written by an expert team of childcare authors, the sixth edition of this classic textbook offers an in-depth approach to Childcare and Early Years study unmatched by any course specific texts. *Child Care and Education 6th Edition* provides full details of all the topics and frameworks relevant to level 3 and level 4 qualifications. It offers the opportunity to analyse and explore theories and practice at a high level of detail. - Provides post level 3 material in clearly marked 'Moving On' sections at the end of each chapter. - Focuses on the practicalities of working within a real-life setting using case studies and observation tasks. - Suitable for level 3 qualifications and courses that bridge the gap between levels 3 and 4.

Wise Words: How Susan Isaacs Changed Parenting - Caroline Vollans 2017-10-12

"Harassed" writes: "Your answers to correspondents are exceedingly clear, and when I read them I say, 'That is just the answer I should think of', though I believe I should have great difficulty when it came actually to putting it into words! However, I cannot answer my own problems, so will you please help me?" (20 August 1930) This much-needed collection brings together the columns of parenting adviser Ursula Wise, "agony aunt" for *The Nursery World* between 1929 and 1936, and pseudonym for the eminent educationalist and pioneering psychoanalyst Susan Isaacs. Wise's replies, informed by theories in education, psychology and psychoanalysis, provide an insight into the development of modern, child-centred attitudes to parenting, with remarkably fresh and relevant advice. The letters are passionate, urgent, occasionally provocative, sometimes funny and always thoughtful. Topics from behaviour and temperament, anxieties and phobias, to play and education are explored and each theme is introduced and contextualised in contemporary parenting approaches. Bringing pivotal theories from the fields of

education, child psychology and psychoanalysis into dialogue, this is an essential read for early years practitioners, teachers, course leaders and those studying in the field of early years education and child psychoanalysis. The continued relevance of Isaacs' advice for modern parenting also makes this an enjoyable and informative read for parents. It is also an excellent resource for those interested in social history and the little known contributions made by women pioneers.

Teaching Assistant's Handbook: Primary Edition - Janet Kay 2005-12-08

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Bringing the Froebel Approach to your Early Years Practice - Helen Tovey 2016-11-28

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the kindergarten and the influence of Froebel on early years practice? What did Froebel mean by a garden for children? Why did he believe that play is central in young children's learning? Bringing the Froebel Approach to your Early Years Practice looks at the founder of the kindergarten and his profound influence on provision and practice for young children today. The Froebelian approach is not a method but includes distinctive principles which shape and guide practice. This new edition has been fully updated in line with the revised EYFS and includes: extra material on using the approach with children of different ages and the role of the adult a discussion of key Froebelian principles such as play, imagination, creativity, learning through self-activity and making connections an examination of block play and how this can be developed in contemporary settings Froebel's ideas on nature and outdoor play and why these are fundamental to young children's learning how Froebel used movement, song, rhythm and rhyme to provide key learning experiences With examples of innovative practice and ideas for reflection, this convenient guide will help practitioners and students fully understand what the Froebel approach can offer their setting and children.

Early Childhood Education - Tina Bruce 2011

Build practical skills by drawing on the history of Early Years and classic educational theories and placing them in the context of modern developments in Psychology and Sociology. This is an invaluable text for you if you are studying Early Years education as part of an Early Childhood Studies degree, an Early Years Foundation Degree, working towards Early Years Professional Status, or are a manager or headteacher within the Early Years sector. - Provides practical guidance by examining the principles of Early Years pioneers in the context of modern research - A classic text used on Undergraduate and Postgraduate Early Childhood Studies and Education courses - Fully revised with new photography and updated to include the latest developments in thinking and practice

Exploring Play for Early Childhood Studies - Mandy Andrews 2012-09-07

Winner of the 2013 Nursery World Awards! This is a key text for all those studying for degrees and foundation degrees in early childhood, early years and related disciplines and for candidates on EYPS pathways. It takes the reader through a detailed exploration of the nature of play examining the features and the concepts of play. Guidance on the observation of children's play is included and the text encourages students to appreciate the value of play in development and in socialisation. Children's rights and the ownership of play are also covered. With interactive activities and case studies throughout, the text helps students to arrive at an understanding of their own practice in relation to play. About the Early Years series This series has been designed to support students of Early Years, Early Childhood Studies and related disciplines in popular modules of their course. Each text takes a focused look at a specific topic and approaches it in an accessible and user-friendly way. Features have been developed to help readers engage with the text and understand the subject from a number of different viewpoints. Activities pose questions to prompt thought and discussion and 'Theory Focus' boxes examine essential theory close-up for better understanding. This series is also applicable to EYPS candidates on all pathways. Other titles in the series are Early Childhood Studies, Childhood in Society for Early Childhood Studies and Child Observation for the Early Years.

Extending Thought in Young Children - Chris Athey 2007-03-08

'Chris Athey has made a major contribution to our understanding of how young children think and how educators and parents can best support their learning. This book is, without doubt, a most important text for all who are concerned to maximise the potential of early childhood education to develop effective ways of working with young children. The book explores children's schematic development and offers ways of

teaching which are closely matched to children's actions, speech and graphic representations. This second edition of Extending Thought builds on the scholarly approach of the first and provides readers with clear explanation of relevant research alongside rich observations of children. It is essential reading for all who seek to provide the very best of learning opportunities for young children by bring parents, professionals and informed pedagogy together in a thoughtful and informed partnership of learning. Extending Thought is a major building block for many of us who study young children's capacity to think and learn' - Dr Cathy Nutbrown, Reader in Education, University of Sheffield In this fully revised version of Chris Athey's classic text, the author builds on her original internationally renowned research with new illustrations of 'continuity' in children's thinking from early to primary education. Drawing on her extensive experience and research evidence, she explains how teachers of young children can advance professionally towards a greater knowledge of young children's thinking and learning. The book covers: o 'forms of thought' used by young children o assimilation of curriculum content o pedagogy o parental participation o the politics of early education This book is an essential read for students and teachers in early years education. Chris Athey M Ed, was Principal Lecturer in Education at the Roehampton Institute of Higher Education (RIHE). Funded by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship, she directed the Froebel Early Education Project from 1973 to 1978. She has taught all ages of primary-school children in State and private schools. She has considerable experience of initial teacher training and INSET

People Under Three - Elinor Goldschmied 2004

People Under Three is an established text for all those training to work with young children or managing day care facilities."--Jacket.

Observing Young Children - Tina Bruce 2014-11-13

This is a book about the process of finding user-friendly and purposeful ways of observing and planning that will help those who are working with young children in a variety of settings to look with insight at children, providing what they need in order to develop and learn optimally. By examining the historic background of observing and planning, and describing examples of good practice in different group settings, this book will help to monitor a child's progress - what is needed now and to work out what is needed next. The real life case studies from various settings including day care, nursery school, primary school, private sector and Soweto examine different observation techniques, looking at their strengths, drawbacks and use in everyday practice. Examples from the UK and internationally illustrate the history and importance of observation in a range of contexts, while a glossary clearly explains the key terminology. All the examples given in this book can be used with different National Framework documents worldwide, bearing in mind however the authors' belief that curriculum frameworks must be used as a resource and never as a limiting straitjacket. Drawing on key theory and research, the book's chapters cover: Flexible planning Record keeping Working with parents Using technology. Full colour photographs, illustrations and useful charts and diagrams make this an accessible and engaging resource that will no doubt be invaluable to any early years practitioner. This book was originally published as Getting to Know You - part of the 0-8 series.

Young Children's Thinking - Marion Dowling 2012-11-12

'This is a book to be treasured. This deeply respected pioneer brings together major research literature, theoretical understanding and practical help. She does so in a way that demonstrates her love and commitment in working with young children and helping them to have rich lives intellectually and with personal fulfillment' -Professor Tina Bruce CBE 'What comes through is weighty warmth. The weight of research and experience coupled with the warmth of the fascination of children's development over Marion's professional and personal lifetime' -Professor Mick Waters, Wolverhampton University 'This highly knowledgeable yet accessible book will be hugely valuable for all those who care deeply about young children's learning and development' -Liz Roberts, Editor, Nursery World 'A tour de force which has the potential to change practice and thinking about early childhood' -Helen Moylett, Early Learning and Consultancy, President of Early Education Clearly linking theory and practice, this highly accessible book will be valuable to practitioners, teachers and students. The author explores the development of children's thinking from 0-7 years, and how this affects home, Early Years settings and schools. The book includes: - case studies - professional checkpoints to help reflection - practical suggestions - guidance on involving parents - suggested reading - questions for discussion. It will be a great asset for students on Early Years

Foundation Degrees, Initial Teacher Education and Early Childhood Studies courses. The reader can access additional web resources here Marion Dowling works as a trainer and consultant in the UK and overseas, and is Vice President of Early Education, a national charity.

Developing Learning in Early Childhood - Tina Bruce 2004-02-17

'This book is useful for students and lecturers of early childhood. It provides concise overviews of relevant research of early childhood development, theories of play and can be utilised as a contemporary, reference book by a range of professionals' - Debate 'The chapter on young children becoming symbol users make a valuable contribution to the literature, and I shall be inspired and haunted in equal measure by the plea that epitomises this book and its story' - Marian Whitehead, *Early Years* 'It's an excellent and easy-to-read text to read, blending theory and research with practice. Each chapter format is clear, with the key themes outlined at the beginning the main body, followed by useful and thought-provoking questions for good practice to ponder and relevant further reading at the end' - *Nursery World* 'Tina Bruce clearly loves children and delights in their development. She has produced an academic work which is both sensitive and stimulating but decidedly unpreachy' - Kirsty Wark, Broadcaster This book shows how adults can support children and actively help them develop their learning in early childhood. Drawing on traditional approaches as well as recent research and theories, Tina Bruce shows the need for balance in early years education and care between the biological and socio-cultural aspects of the development of learning. The book includes a wide range of examples from practitioners, including nursery teachers, health visitors, and community workers. Features include: - what does it mean to develop learning? - learning by doing real things - how language helps - creativity and imagination - diversity and inclusion. This book is essential for students, practitioners and tutors of Foundation Degrees and Early Childhood Studies Degrees. The 0-8 series edited by Tina Bruce, deals with essential themes in early childhood, which concern practitioners, parents and children. Titles in the 0-8 series Marian Whitehead: *Developing Language and Literacy with Young Children* Second Edition Rosemary Roberts: *Self-Esteem and Early Learning* Second Edition Cath Arnold: *Child Development and Learning 2-5* - Georgia's Story Pat Gura: *Resources for Early Learning* Chris Pascal and Tony Bertram: *Effective Early Learning: Case Studies in Improvement* Mollie Davies: *Movement and Dance* Second Edition John Mathews: *Drawing and Painting* Second Edition

Time to Play in Early Childhood Education - Tina Bruce 1991

This book focuses on play in the early years of childhood and its contribution to the learning process. By examining the concept in perspective, rather than in isolation, this book considers the relation between play and other activities attempting to place this within the context of the curriculum as a whole.

The Routledge International Handbook of Philosophies and Theories of Early Childhood Education and Care - Tricia David 2015-10-05

The Routledge Handbook of Philosophies and Theories of Early Childhood Education and Care brings together leading writers in the field to provide a much-needed, authoritative guide to the major

philosophies and theories which have shaped approaches to Early Childhood Education and Care. Providing a detailed overview of key concepts, debates and practical challenges, the handbook combines theoretical acumen with specific examples to show how philosophies and theories have evolved over the centuries and their impact on policy and society. It examines the ways in which societies define and make sense of childhood and the factors that influence the development of philosophies about young children and their learning. The collection offers an insight into the key theorists and considers how the economics and politics of their time and personal ideology influenced their ideas about childhood. It looks at curricula and provision which have proved inspirational and how these have impacted on policy and practice in different parts of the world. The handbook also explores alternative and perhaps less familiar philosophies and ideas about babies and young children, their place in society and the ways in which it might be appropriate to educate them Bringing together specially commissioned pieces by a range of international authors, this handbook will enable academics, research students, practitioners and policy-makers to reflect on their own understandings and approaches, as well as the assumptions made in their own and other societies.

The Excellence of Play - Janet R. Moyles 2005

This second edition encapsulates the many changes that have taken place in early childhood in the last ten years. Whilst retaining its original message of the vital importance of play as a tool for learning, it consolidates this further with current evidence from research and practice.

Putting Storytelling at the Heart of Early Childhood Practice - Tina Bruce 2020-05-03

Putting Storytelling at the Heart of Early Childhood Practice is a brilliantly engaging and practical book that highlights the essential nature of storytelling in all walks of life, and how to best cultivate this in the early years classroom. The authors use a compelling Froebelian approach to explore the role of storytelling not just in the development of literacy, but also in the development of communication and language, and for maintaining good mental health and wellbeing. Drawing on primary and contemporary research, and presented by a range of experienced authors, this book covers important topics such as: The benefits of regularly practising storytelling Storytelling during play activities Group dynamics in constructing narratives The roles of props and fantasy concepts in storytelling This accessible guide is ideal for all early years practitioners looking to encourage literacy, communication and wellbeing in a supportive and creative environment, and for policymakers looking to develop best practice in the early years classroom.

Learning Through Play - Tina Bruce 2001

Increasing emphasis is now placed on how and what children learn in the early stages of life. The Government has drawn up Early Learning Goals for 3-5 year olds, setting a Foundation stage to the curriculum. Child Care professionals need to be aware of how to encourage children at this age, when the most important way of learning is through play. In this book Tina Bruce, an acknowledged expert in the field of play, presents the key ideas and best practice for child care students starting to work in this vital area.