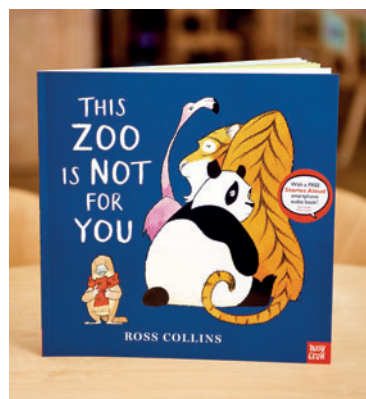




TEACH EARLY YEARS AWARDS 2018



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Hello...

In 2017 the team at *Teach Early Years* launched a free-to-enter awards scheme – our aim, to uncover the very best educational resources available to those supporting the learning and development of children aged 0–5. We uncovered a host of worthy winners, but never ones to rest on our laurels, we were determined that this year's Awards would be bigger and better in every way – and we're confident we've succeeded.

Our cause was helped by the fantastic response we received. We put the call out for nominations way back in January, and by the time we closed for entries, we had more than 400 to explore. We also decided to tweak our categories, so that no one would miss out – for example, this year you'll find Year R has a category all of its own while products created to support the vital area of personal, social and emotional development have a home in our Happy & Healthy category. There's a full listing below.

In June we revealed our finalists. Since then our hardworking expert judging panel have been busily putting them through their paces, and we're now delighted to reveal who has come out on top. Whatever your setting or level of experience, whichever age group you work with, we hope, you will find something that piques your interest and might prove an invaluable addition to our early years toolkit.

Last but not least, this year we asked you to get involved too – by voting for your favourite early years blog or Facebook page. The response was amazing and we have three very worthy winners for you to explore next time you're online. Thank you to everybody who took part!

Jacob Stow - Editor



The Winners

In each category you'll find a five-, four- and, in most cases, three-star winner. Our finalists were judged on their educational value, their cost and their capacity to withstand the rigours of use in a busy early years setting!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TEACH EARLY YEARS AWARDS AND VIEW PHOTOS OF THE WINNERS AT TEACHWIRE.NET/TEYAWARDS

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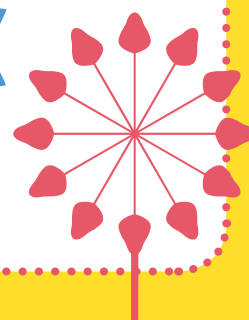
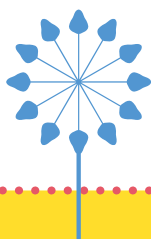
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The Judges

The finalists in this year's Early Years Excellence Awards were assessed by our panel of experts – here's a bit more about them all...



LIZZY STEWART

Lizzy Stewart teaches illustration at Goldsmiths University and has also taught courses at the Tate and on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery. She has written and illustrated two books for children, the first of which, *There's a Tiger in the Garden*, won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Illustrated Books in 2017.



SUE COWLEY

Sue Cowley is an experienced teacher, writer and presenter, specialising in behaviour management – about which she writes regularly for *Teach Early Years* – and creative teaching and learning. She helps to run her local preschool, as chair of the management committee. Her latest books include *The Seven V's of a Great Early Years Setting*.



ANDI TURNER

Andi Turner is an Ofsted 'outstanding' childminder, trainer, consultant and blogger. Having left a 15-year legal career behind to work in the early years sector, she has lectured for the Hartlepool College of Further Education delivering the Early Years Foundation Degree, and works with PACEY to support her fellow practitioners.



SARAH STEEL

Sarah Steel is the MD of the Old Station Nursery, which operates nine nurseries across Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. She has a background in management within Army and civilian industry, and has been recognised for her work in representing fellow nursery owners, both with the NDNA and as a member of various government forums.



SAM DIXON

Sam Dixon is a teacher, composer and musical educator. She trained in Visual and Performing Arts at Brighton University and has a varied performance background. Having taught across the primary age for 20 years, she currently teaches class music from nursery to Y5 at Brighton College and offers teacher training – visit teachmusicbrighton.co.uk



KIRSTINE BEELEY

Known for her innovative (and sometimes messy) ideas for learning activities, Kirstine Beeley is a trainer, educational consultant and regular contributor to *TEY*. She is the author of a number of books, including *This is how we do it!*, *Planning for Play* and *Maths makes the world go around!* – all available at playingtolearnuk.com



KATHY BRODIE

Kathy Brodie is an EYP and trainer specialising in the EYFS and SEN. She's the author of multiple books on early years childcare, a long-time contributor to *TEY*, and the organiser of the Early Years Summit – a free online CPD resource for early years practitioners. She recently launched Early Years TV – find out more at earlyyears.tv



KIDDI CARU

Kiddi Caru was founded in 1998 and in 2017 was acquired by European childcare provider Grandir. The group operates a chain of premium settings throughout Central and Southern England. We'd like to thank Caron Moseley, Sara Meikle and the team at 'outstanding' Kiddi Caru Writtle for all their help with judging and photography.



JUNE O'SULLIVAN MBE

June O'Sullivan is CEO of the award-winning London Early Years Foundation. A qualified psychiatric nurse and social worker, June is a regular columnist for *Teach Early Years* and the author of *Successful Leadership in the Early Years* and *Leadership Skills in the Early Years*. She was awarded her MBE in 2013 for services to London's children.

WINNERS

Reception resource



JOLLY LEARNING -

Jolly Music Player

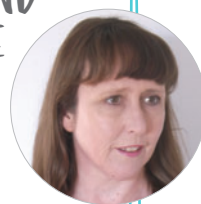


Inspired by the Kodály approach, Jolly Music is a structured, progressive curriculum for teaching music skills through the primary years. It uses multisensory activities to embed and hone children's musical skills (including pulse, rhythm, pitch, loudness and speed) through singing, using a child-centred approach and traditional playground rhymes. Features include

step-by-step lesson plans and there are accompanying CDs providing additional support. The Jolly Music Player contains the entire Jolly Music Repertoire and can be used on an interactive whiteboard or overhead projector and screen – there's no annual subscription and it can be used on as many computers in a school as desired.

Visit jollylearning.co.uk

“THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE TO SUPPORT TEACHERS TO USE MORE NURSERY RHYMES AND SONGS WITH THEIR CHILDREN; IT'S AFFORDABLE AND THE SOFTWARE INCLUDES A USEFUL 'PLAYLIST' FUNCTION.”



SUE COWLEY



3P LEARNING - Mathseeds

Mathseeds is a digital maths resource designed to meet the needs of learners from Reception to Year 2. It benefits from a built-in diagnostic assessment to ensure children start at the right level; engaging and easy-to-navigate lessons; hundreds of interactive, sequential activities to ensure key concepts are learnt in-depth; and a powerful reward system. It also provides teachers with access to instant feedback on pupils' progress, and there's a teacher toolkit full of extra resources, lesson plans, worksheets and more. Visit mathseeds.com



“A BRIGHT, FUN AND INTERACTIVE ONLINE MATHS RESOURCE THAT CHILDREN WILL ENJOY USING AND WHICH WILL HELP THEM LEARN AT THE SAME TIME.”

SUE COWLEY



Oxford University Press – NUFFIELD EARLY LANGUAGE INTERVENTION

The Nuffield Early Language Intervention (£1,040) is a 20-week programme for children in their first year of primary school who show weakness in their oral skills and who are therefore at risk of struggling with their reading. It comprises two teachers books, two weighty sets of flashcards a 'Ted' puppet and accompanying professional development by specialist training company Elklan.

Visit oup.com



SCHOFIELD & SIMS

Get Set Early Years. Visit schofieldandsims.co.uk

SOUND AND MUSIC

Minute of Listening. Visit minuteoflistening.org

Category finalists...

WINNERS

Early Exploration



“THE CHILDREN NOT ONLY USED THE BEES FOR SORTING AND ORDERING BUT ALSO FREELY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN THEIR OPEN-ENDED IMAGINATIVE PLAY.”

KIRSTINE BEELEY



YELLOW DOOR - Honey Bee Number Kit



This set of 20 chunky honey bee stones and 16 washable activity cards (£30 ex. VAT) has been created to help children gain an understanding of numbers and apply their knowledge in different contexts. The resources provided allow for the exploration of number sequences and odd/even numbers, as well as addition, subtraction and number bonds up to 10. Everything included is

robust enough to withstand use indoors and out.

Visit yellow-door.net



Oxford University Press –

NUMICON FIRM FOUNDATIONS



Numicon Firm Foundations (up to £390 ex. VAT) is a

comprehensive and varied programme of mathematics activities for

children aged 3–5, featuring ideas for all areas of the setting, both indoors and out. It employs stories, songs and rhymes and identifies cross-curricular links to help support maths learning, and provides assessment opportunities to guide observations. An accompanying Teaching Pack provides planning and assessment support, expert guidance on the key mathematical ideas, and advice on putting the Numicon approach into practice.

Visit oup.com



BOOKLIFE PUBLISHING - Non-fiction range

BookLife Publishing's non-fiction range for children in the EYFS comprises a host of titles (just a small fraction of which are pictured) offering a wealth of information for curious minds. Topics covered stretch from the human body and emotions, to the natural world and moving home, and much more besides. Information is presented in an engaging and accessible way, with large photographs and illustrations, making it easier for young learners to build their understanding of the world.

Visit booklife.co.uk



“A GREAT RANGE OF HIGH-QUALITY HARDBACK BOOKS THAT WOULD MAKE A LOVELY, COST-EFFECTIVE ADDITION TO ANY EARLY YEARS LIBRARY.”

KIRSTINE BEELEY



WINNERS

Creative Play

COMMOTION / TICKIT

Sensory Blocks. Visit gompels.co.uk

HOPE EDUCATION

Magicubes. Visit hope-education.co.uk

Category finalists...



KAPLA – KAPLA 100 Box



KAPLA is an open-ended, creative wooden construction toy comprising identical small planks – children simply stack and balance them to create whatever structures they can imagine

(and their motor skills can make a reality). Supplied in a sturdy wooden storage box, the pictured set of 100 planks is priced at £25. Visit kaplaplanks.co.uk

“SUCH AN AMAZINGLY SIMPLE IDEA BUT A GREAT HIT WITH THE CHILDREN. WE LOVED IT AND WILL BE PURCHASING MORE!”

KIRSTINE BEELEY



Fafunia and The New Factory – TENGA



This open-ended ‘discovery and imagination’ set looks a little different. Each lightweight piece – made from 12mm thick birchwood and 15mm thick – features eight sides and eight interconnecting slots, allowing children to assemble structures that

extend in all directions. Its open-ended nature ensures children can explore their creativity free from limitations.

Visit fafuplay.com



ROYLCO – Curlicue Rods



Soft, flexible and brightly coloured, these jumbo (three-metre) sculpting rods are equally at home indoors and out, and can be put to a host of different uses. Children can weave and build with them as part of their den play, while practitioners might choose to incorporate them into colour-sorting, maths and physical development activities. A set of 10 is priced at £100. Available from educationaladvantage.co.uk

WINNERS

Digital Learning

“THE VOICE PAD WAS GREAT ALL ROUND, RETAINING CHILDREN’S INTEREST, PROMOTING LOTS OF DISCUSSION AND OFFERING GOOD VALUE.”

SARAH STEEL



TALKING PRODUCTS –

Voice Pad



A new addition to Talking Products’ voice recordable range, the Voice Pad (£42.95 ex. VAT for a pack of five) can record and playback up to 40 seconds of audio at the push of a large, tactile, green play button, thanks to its built-in microphone and speaker. It includes a removable clear cover that allows

practitioners to attach images, symbols, numbers, words or letters associated with the recordings, as well as dry-wipe and mirror inserts for added versatility. A ‘message protection’ switch is also included to help protect recordings from inquisitive fingers.

Visit talkingproducts.com



GENEE WORLD –

Early Years Tilt & Touch Table



Suitable for individual, group or whole-class learning thanks to its adjustable screen, the Tilt & Touch Table (£3,613 ex. VAT) can run a wide range of interactive games and comes preloaded with a selection of software

packages – amongst them Genee Learn Hub, Microsoft Surface and content from Yellow Door. Robust enough to withstand the rigours of preschool use thanks to a toughened safety glass screen and aluminium frame, it also features G-Safe software to ensure that only an approved selection of applications and websites can be accessed. Visit geneeworld.com

“THE CHILDREN LOVED THE TABLE, PARTICULARLY ITS MULTI-TOUCH FUNCTIONALITY.”

SARAH STEEL



Learning resources –

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Providing young children with a close-up look at the world around them, the Talking Microscope (£42) comes with a built-in tray packed with prepared slides, containing 60 images of animals, plants and household items, and is voiced by Bindi Irwin. Its audio functionality offers two modes of learning – it can share facts, to teach children about items, and quiz them to test their knowledge.

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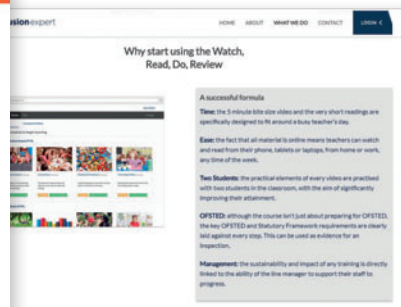
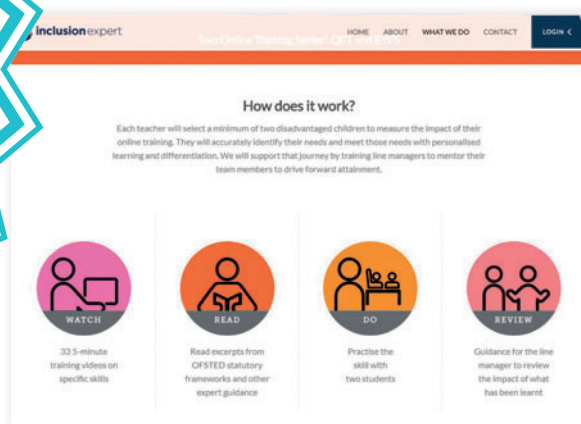
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ANDI TURNER



INCLUSION EXPERT –

Watch Read Do Review



Watch Read Do Review is an online training programme linked to Ofsted ‘outstanding’ guidelines. Available in QFT and EYFS variants, it features eight modules, corresponding to the eight teaching standards, each comprising bite-size videos for teachers to watch, guidance to read and manageable tasks to do with children (participants select a minimum of two disadvantaged children

to measure the impact of their online training – they learn to accurately identify their needs and meet those needs with personalised learning and differentiation). Line managers can log in to assess the progress of their staff, assign them modules and then carry out review sessions using pre-written discussion points.

Visit inclusionexpert.com



FOUNDATION FOCUS –

Supervisions for Early Years: Complete Guide



This all-in-one package (£395) includes everything an early years setting needs to implement a whole-team approach to supervisions. It features a complete set of paperwork, training resources, a

comprehensive supervisions strategy and guidance for putting it into practice, plus exemplar policies and procedures to refer to.

Visit foundationfocus.co.uk

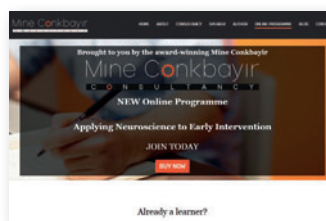
“ANY GROUP SETTING NOT ALREADY IMPLEMENTING A ROBUST SUPERVISION PROCEDURE WILL BE HARD-PRESSED TO FIND A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND USER-FRIENDLY GUIDE THAN THIS.”

ANDI TURNER



Mine Conkbayir –

APPLYING NEUROSCIENCE FOR EARLY INTERVENTION



A CACHE-endorsed programme designed to address the knowledge gap between early years practice and the

lessons of neuroscience, Mine Conkbayir’s online course explores the impact of early adverse experiences on the development of children’s brains and their ability to thrive emotionally, socially and

intellectually. Its four modules feature a

range of case studies, reflective questions and multiple choice quizzes to check understanding.

Visit

mineconkbayir.co.uk

NDNA

Maths Champions Programme. Visit ndna.org.uk/childcare-training

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Music resource



"THIS IS THE COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR ANYONE SETTING UP AN EARLY YEARS MUSIC PROGRAMME FROM SCRATCH, AND FANTASTIC VALUE FOR MONEY."

SAM DIXON



ABC CREATIVE MUSIC -



ABC Musicality Resource for 3-6-year-olds

This multi-platform musicality resource launched in 2014 following a three-year R&D programme informed by the latest child development research and early years practice, and has been updated every year (up to and including 2017) since as the research has continued. The resource (£360 ex. VAT, website/app access free for 12 months) combines a ring-binder full of laminated instructions for group activities, accessible strategies for those working in free-play settings, activities for use on interactive whiteboards and iPads, and topic-themed resource banks, providing flexibility to follow children's changing interests. It can be purchased with a complementary set of eleven instruments bags (also £360 ex. VAT) and a full training programme is available. Visit abccreativemusic.com



COLLINS MUSIC -

Music Express Foundation Stage



Covering the early years in their entirety, from birth to age five, the Music Express Foundation Stage resource includes a book and three CDs that enable teachers to deliver a complete music scheme with no music reading required. Its

content is arranged in popular themes within the areas of learning and development and includes songs, stories, rhymes, and dances and games for indoors and out. The wealth of accompanying digital resources include lesson plans, videos, warm-ups, skill builders and much more. Visit collins.co.uk

"THE SONGS ARE SIMPLE ENOUGH THAT EVEN THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THE MUSIC."

SAM DIXON



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Under-2s resource



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Visit littlesignersclub.co.uk



“THIS IS A BOOK WITH MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS, SO OFFERS GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY - THE CHILDREN ENJOYED TRYING THE SIGNS, BUT ALSO LOVED THE BRIGHT PICTURES AND FUN ILLUSTRATIONS.”



KATHY BRODIE



Orchard Toys –

ANIMAL SHAPES



This is a simple first colour and shapes matching game (£8) for children aged 18 months and over. Playing is simple – participants simply

have to slot the

correct shape into the middle of a selection of friendly-looking animals. The shapes and animals are made from chunky card that's perfect for little hands, giving children the chance to develop their hand-eye coordination alongside their matching skills.

Visit orchardtoys.com

BOOGIE MITES

Minis Music and Movement Programme. Visit boogiemites.co.uk

LE TOY VAN

ABC Wooden Blocks. Visit letoyvan.com

Category finalists...



LEARNING RESOURCES –

Snap-n-Learn Matching Dinos

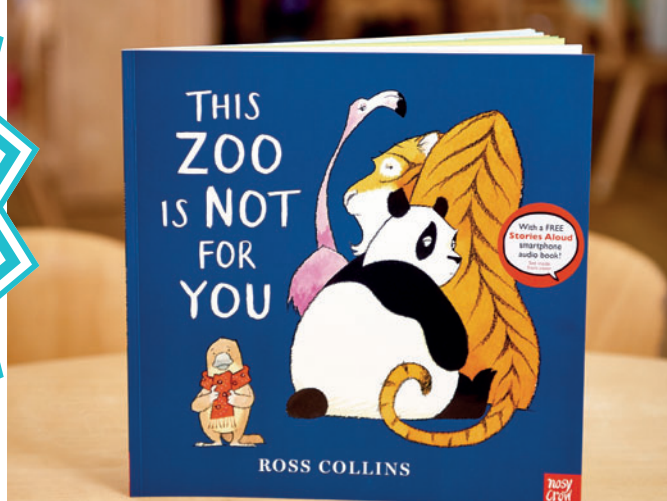


Suitable for ages 18 months plus, these pull-apart dinosaurs (£17) comes in three varieties (Brachiosaurus, Stegosaurus and Triceratops) and a range of different colours. The set helps to develop matching skills and colour and shape recognition, as well as supporting motor skills and offering engaging props for imaginative small world play.

Visit learningresources.co.uk

WINNERS

Picture Books



ROSS COLLINS

This Zoo is Not For You (Nosy Crow)



When a platypus arrives at the zoo, the animals assume he's come about the vacancy and set about interviewing him. When they find him wanting, he's sent away – prompting feelings of guilt, then dismay when they realise he'd actually just come to deliver invitations. But all is forgiven, and everyone is welcome to the party aboard the Platybus!

Visit nosycrow.com

“THIS BOOK IS A JOY TO READ! THE RHYME SCHEME WORKS PERFECTLY, ROLLING OFF THE TONGUE, WHILST A PLAYFUL SENSE OF HUMOUR BRINGS JOY TO EVERY PAGE. THE STORY ASKS US TO CONSIDER HOW WE TREAT OTHERS WHILST ALSO SPREADING AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLUSIVITY AND CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE. THE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE BRILLIANTLY COMPOSED AND THERE'S PLENTY TO SPOT ON REPEAT VISITS TOO.”

LIZZY STEWART



BARBARA KANNINEN –

Circle Rolls (Phaidon)

A clever rhyming tale of friends who literally come in all shapes and sizes. When Circle rolls into one of triangle's points and pops, chaos momentarily ensues, until Octagon's “Stop!” brings everyone to their senses. The physical characteristics of the many starring shapes inform traits that lead to and then resolve a potential catastrophe! Visit uk.phaidon.com

BRYONY THOMSON

The Wardrobe Monster (Old Barn Books). Visit oldbarnbooks.com

TOM MCLAUGHLIN

Along Came a Different (Bloomsbury Children's Books). Visit bloomsbury.com

Category finalists...



Chitra Soundar / Poonam Mistry –

YOU'RE SAFE WITH ME (LANTANA PUBLISHING)



As night falls in the Indian forest, it's time for the baby animals to go to bed – but with all the strange noises coming from the trees, river and sky, getting to sleep isn't easy.

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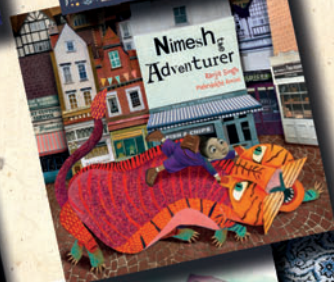
“THIS STORY IS FILLED WITH KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY WITH RICH AND DECORATIVE ILLUSTRATIONS THAT GIVE THE TEXT A CLASSIC FOLK STORY FEEL.”

LIZZY STEWART

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Communication, Language & Literacy



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SARAH STEEL



YELLOW DOOR – Early Literacy Progress Pack



Comprising a host of multisensory resources that will help early years practitioners develop key literacy skills indoors and out, Yellow Door's Early Literacy Progress Pack (£149.95 ex. VAT) features Active Alphabet cards, a set of six learning tabards, *Literacy Outdoors* and *Helping Young Children with Phonological Awareness* books,

lowercase and uppercase alphabet pebbles, 'Feely Fabric' letters, Alphabet Pathway mats, Tune into... Initial Sounds cards and CD, and a Mr Tig Tog soft toy dog. It all comes packaged in a sturdy lidded tray, and is suitable for use with children aged 3+.

Available from eduzone.co.uk



The Curious Fox Company –

EARLY SCRIBBLES ROLE PLAY BOXES

This collection of six themed role play boxes has been designed to encourage mark making, early writing and the use of number, and to be used alongside The Curious Fox Company's writing belts (which earned a four-star award of their own in last year's Role play category). The pictured 'Explorer' box features a range of notebooks with pen and pencils, a magnifying glass and compass, a clipboard with minibeast spotting sheet and a bug pot.

Visit curiousfoxcompany.co.uk



CHATTA



The 'Chatta' approach aims to help children to become better communicators, readers, writers and thinkers. It employs technology to give practitioners and parents alike an effective method to develop young children's language and literacy. Settings that choose to subscribe (from £5 p/m) can access more than 1,000 online activity ideas and make use of the unique Chatta mobile app, which can be used to upload photographs and record stories with children. Visit chattalearning.com

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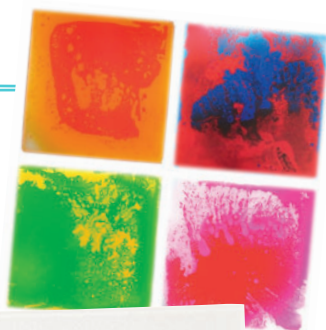
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EDUZONE -

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Offering children a striking sensory experience, Liquid Floor Tiles (£18.95 ex. VAT each) exhibit an array of colours with every press, step or jump. Ideal for use as flooring in a sensory room (or placed on a tabletop), they are also available in a larger size.

Visit eduzone.co.uk

"THE PRACTITIONERS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR CHILDREN WHO HAD SENSORY PROCESSING CHALLENGES, AS YOU DON'T ACTUALLY GET MESSY AND THE SURFACE OF TILES IS TEXTURED."



KATHY BRODIE



COMMOTION / TICKIT - Sensory Mood Light Ball



Strong and water resistant, the Sensory Mood Light Ball would make a great addition to any early years learning environment, but particularly a sensory area. Its low-voltage mains supply connects to a base station recharging unit, meaning the ball can be placed in any spot, without the risk of children encountering trailing wires. With the aid of the included remote control, the ball can be set to display a single colour or fade smoothly through the entire spectrum.

Available from gompels.co.uk



Wedge Whiteboards -

WEDGE JOTTER PACK

Writing slopes help children with dyslexia and dyspraxia to practise their letter formation, so the Wedge Jotter's sturdy slope is set at an angle (15° landscape / 10° portrait) – all thanks to its integrated flip-out legs. Usable in landscape and portrait orientations and suitable for left- and right-handers, it comes with four pens and a board rubber.

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ORKID IDEAS

TomTag Manage my Feelings kit. Visit orkidideas.com

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award winning**



The logo for 'eyr' (Early Years Resources) is displayed in a white, rounded font inside a pink circle with a white border. The background of the entire page is a photograph of the superhero skittles and wooden blocks in a play area.

eyr

A circular logo with a yellow, paint-splattered background. It features a small cartoon character holding a star and the text 'Teach Early Years awards 2018'.

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Xander, Greek for ‘protector’, to Kenzo, Japanese for ‘strong’. The traits have been selected so that early years educators can use the superheroes to support children encountering familiar worries or challenges, while children can incorporate them into their imaginative play.

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WISDOM –

Sensory Balance Beams

Comprising a flexible system of eight different beams that connect to a choice of central islands (usefully without the need for screws or assembly), this resource has plenty to engage young learners. The beams feature a variety of shapes with a soft foam filling for children to balance upon as well as tactile sensory elements to investigate and even a mirror. The elements can be set up as a single activity or split up to suit the space available. Available from educationaladvantage.co.uk



BE THE JELLYFISH

Be the Jellyfish resources. Visit bethejellyfish.com

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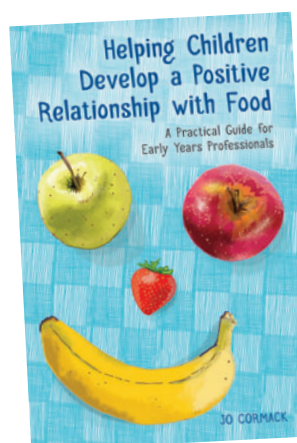
Beat Baby Handbook. Visit lawrenceeducational.co.uk

Category finalists...



Jessica Kingsley Publishers –

HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD



Jo Cormack’s practical guide aims to help anyone working in an early years setting to better understand, manage and support children’s relationship with food. It includes accessible advice on developing psychologically healthy eating habits and behaviours as well as tips on tackling fussy eating and food anxiety, plus information on how special needs such as autism can affect children’s feelings about food. Visit jkp.com

WINNERS

Toys & Games



"THE GAME IS ENJOYABLE AND KEPT THE CHILDREN ENGAGED, AND IT OFFERS GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY."

KIDDI CARU WRITTLE



ORCHARD TOYS -

Dinosaur Lotto



In Dinosaur Lotto (£7.75), children turn over the colourful dinosaur cards as they compete to be the first to fill their board with matching pictures. Designed for three to seven-year-olds, the game can be played in two ways to cater for different abilities – the boards have an illustrated and blank sides, and the two can be used interchangeably, allowing children of all ages to play together.

Visit orchardtoys.com



INDIGO JAMM -

Benji Bus

The eye-catching Benji Bus (£38) is based on a traditional American school bus and designed for children aged 18 months plus. It features a removable roof, providing access to the interior and the vehicle's collection of passengers, who can also be removed, and is constructed of sustainable rubberwood and birch plywood.

Visit indigojamm.com



Orange Tree Toys -

CROCODILE ALPHABET PUZZLE



This colourful puzzle (£19.99) aims to help children familiarise themselves with the letters of the alphabet as they play. At the same time, they will develop their fine motor and problem-solving skills as they identify and place the chunky pieces in the right order to complete the crocodile.

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PLAYMOBIL

9118 Pirate Ship. Visit playmobil.co.uk

TALKING TURTLE

Playtime Dinosaur Castle. Visit talkingturtle.co.uk

Category finalists...

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Inspiring Online



"ASPIRE TO CREATE A CULTURE OF 'JOYFUL LEARNING' AS OPPOSED TO 'STRESSED COMPLIANCE'."

ALISTAIR BRYCE-CLEGG

Our runaway winner, ABC Does, for the uninitiated, is the work of consultant, author, speaker and former headteacher Alistair Bryce-Clegg. Whether you head to the blog or Facebook page, you'll find a trove of informative and inspiring content on topics as diverse as government policy



ABC DOES –



and laminating eggs – not to mention giveaways and guest appearances to mix things up.



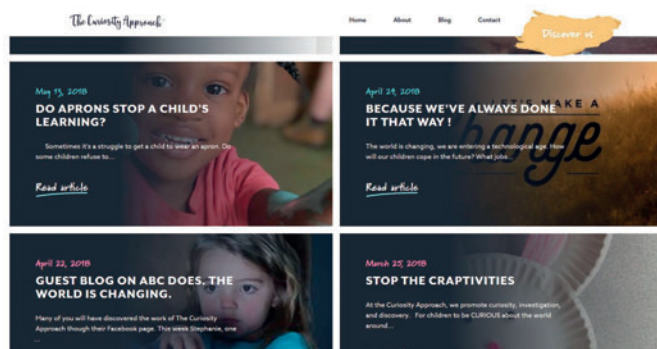
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The Curiosity Approach



The Curiosity Approach is the brainchild of nursery directors Lyndsey Hellyn & Stephanie Bennett – an ethos born in their own settings that they are now sharing with the wider sector via, amongst other channels, a lively and engaging blog and Facebook page. Pay them a visit to find out why their take on early care and education is proving so popular.



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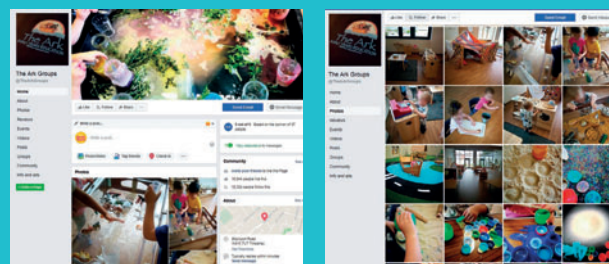
KEEPING EARLY YEARS UNIQUE (KEYU)

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Runner-up



THE ARK GROUPS



The Ark Groups Facebook page shares the outstanding practice of Cheshire-based The Ark Childminding and its associated toddler and play groups, and it's full of inspirational ideas and images from the setting floor for every practitioner. The Ark is led by childminder and author Sally Wright – we heartily recommend keeping an eye on what she and her team get up to.



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