

Unit Outline

Learners will study the different ways in which children learn and how they use all their senses to learn about the world in which they live. Children learn through play, through experimenting and having fun. This unit will introduce you to the idea that children are learning all the time. They learn at home, in a childcare setting, indoors and outdoors and when they explore their local community. You will explore learning opportunities for children in all those places. The assessment for this unit covers all children but assessments 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 specifically refers to children from 0-5 years 11 months of age. For this unit we will visit The House of Marbles and a local natural environment to enable learners to develop an understanding of the benefits for young children taking part in new experiences.

Essential skills to consolidate

Know how children learn.
Know how to use stories and rhymes with young children.
Understand that the natural world can support children's learning.
Know how the local community can be used to broaden children's experiences

Extra skills to stretch

Learners will use the internet to research local organisations that provide learning opportunities and have a range of benefits.

Equipment that you will use within this unit

Pupils will use a range of craft materials and play equipment to plan and deliver practical activities that support the development of confidence in young children. They will use a selection children's and stories to nursery rhymes, and will use craft materials to create sensory aids to encourage children to take part in story time. Learners will collect objects from the natural environment that children would enjoy exploring further. These objects will be used to create a treasure basket.

Key vocabulary for our pioneers

Observe **sensory aid** **senses** **investigate** **curiosity**

Key vocabulary for our investigators

broaden children's experiences
natural environment

Assessment

Pupils will be assessed midway and at the end of the unit using a range of written and IT schemes

Progression

This unit will provide suitable scaffolding of skills and knowledge for further progression into the next unit, Craft activities for young children.

