



Exceptional Care in the First 1000 Days

What is the first 1000 days?

Why is it important?

What is exceptional care?

Why is it important to promote exceptional care?



Current Challenges

What are the current challenges that practitioners have to overcome when caring for young babies in early years settings? Curriculum, research, routinized/traditional way of caring.

Activity Ideas



1 - Loose parts play

What are the benefits?



2 - Messy sensory play

What are the benefits?



3 - Water play

What are the benefits?



4 - Reading stories together and singing

What are the benefits?

What are the benefits of these activities? How do they contribute to development? Link to theory here, who talks about the importance of hands on/experiential learning? Who talks about the importance of language development?

Environments



How is the environment important? Consider the 'enabling environment'

[A curriculum for funded non-maintained nursery settings \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/curriculum-for-funded-non-maintained-nursery-settings)



What are the benefits of loose parts, curiosity and exploratory play based environments? What are the challenges when caring for babies and young children? Link to theory - Montessori? Froebel?



Being Inclusive



Why is this important? Are there any challenges? Best interest of child should always be paramount.

Professional Partnerships/Relationships

What does this mean? Why is this important? Are there any challenges? Can you link to theory here also
- Bronfenbrenner?

Respectful Care and Meaningful Learning



Think about the different meaningful learning experiences we can facilitate as practitioners. For example, babies learning how to feed themselves, language development during nappy changes, learning routines such as nap time. The importance of interacting with babies during these experiences. Challenges/ratios NMS.

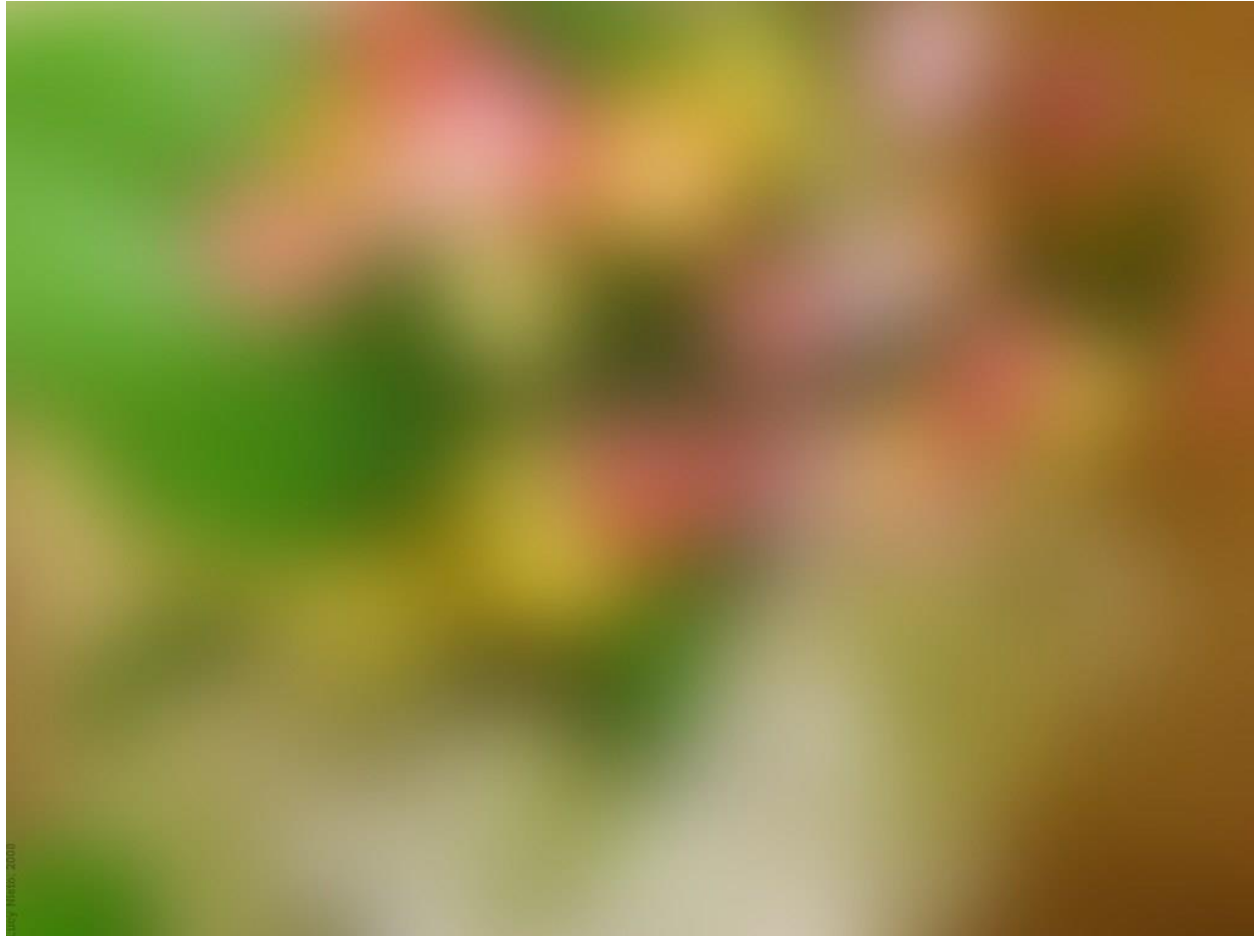
International Approaches



Research other approaches - forest school, Reggio, Te whairiki. Do they do things differently in regard to exceptional care? Compare and contrast.



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