

Child's Play, Learning and Development Starter for 12

The BTEC First Award in Child's Play, Learning and Development will not just prepare you for working in childcare, it will teach you lots of interesting things about the way children grow and development and development through play. Complete the tasks to prepare you for your new course in September.

Task 1 – Child Development

- (a) Find out the meaning of the following key terms. You must write them in your own words. Present the key terms in a poster format with pictures/diagrams to help describe them.

Key terms:

- ✓ Developmental milestones/norms
- ✓ Cooperative play
- ✓ Physical development
- ✓ Cognitive development
- ✓ Early years setting

- (b) Ask your parent/carer the following questions about your own development:

1. How much did you weigh at birth?
2. At what age did you first sit up on your own?
3. At what age did you start crawling?
4. At what age did you start walking?
5. When did you say your first words and what were they?
6. Who was your first friend?
7. Who was your favourite person growing up e.g. grandparent, sibling, babysitter etc.

Using the information you found, produce a fact-file about your own development in infancy.

Challenge: Ask the same questions about your sibling/cousin/friend etc and compare the differences. (Please note it is perfectly normal and healthy for children to develop at different rates!)

Task 2: Play and Learning

- (a) Research 2 different toys for children aged (i) 6-9 months old (ii) 18 months old (iii) 3 years old. For each toy you have found, complete the following:
- Explain how the toy helps the child with development e.g. what skills does it encourage?
 - Compare the similarities and differences of the toys across the age group (this can be in a table)
 - Which toy do you think is best for children's development and why?

You can find lots on Argos or Amazon!

- (b) Using your research, invent your own toy for an age group of your choice (6-9 months, 18 months, 3 years or choose your own). Draw a picture of your toy and label it explaining why and how it helps development.