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I am currently the Early Years Leader at Oakwood Infant School- a three form entry school in Hartley Wintney, North Hampshire. At Oakwood we believe that children learn best when they are self-motivated and actively engaged in purposeful activities that stimulate curiosity and inquiry. In the Early Years we foster this through play and therefore many of our teaching opportunities take place through objective led planning. We also use Mantle of the Expert- an inquiry based approach to learning where the children work together as an expert team to solve problems for different clients. Through this imaginative approach our classrooms become a bigger place and wider world where the children are transfixed, engaged and excited to learn. I am a lead national teacher in this approach and enjoy sharing this expertise with other teachers. At Oakwood we work as a free flow unit and as such I believe it is important to develop a collaborative team ethos. I have spent time developing this by hosting weekly year group meetings with all Year R staff. Through these meetings I deliver training sessions where we develop our understanding of different EYFS principles and ensure we are all working consistently in moving the children's learning forward. At Oakwood we really value parents as partners in their children's education. In year R we utilise Tapestry and I often set up exciting Tapestry Challenges for parents to complete with their child. I am extremely passionate about the children having true ownership over their classroom and learning; therefore I have recently started using floor books to ensure that the indoor and outdoor environments are planned by the children to reflect their interests. Having the children as partners in our planning has dramatically increased the children's engagement in the environment, resulting in high quality purposeful play leading to incredible writing and mathematical opportunities. I look forward to working with different schools to support their EYFS journey.



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Hello, my name is Penny Beven and I am Supervisor at Tweseldown Community Playgroup in Fleet. I am lucky to work with and lead a fantastic team and all of us are passionate about providing an exciting learning environment for the children. We have a shared vision of what quality should look like, each with our own strengths and interests.

I am a hands-on manager, counted in ratio so really understand the challenges involved with putting a consistently high standard of provision into practice on a daily basis.

My particular interest is playing outside and allowing the children the freedom to challenge themselves and take risks as they play. I also love children's books, reading to large or small groups, having fun with the language of stories as well as talking about the illustrations.

Our most recent development is the installation of a canopy over part of our outside area. We are in the process of making it an inspiring learning area to include large block play, a maths corner and large mark making. It has a small stage and cosy corners too.

This is my fourth year as an LFSP and I am looking forward to building on the work I did last year, challenging myself and sharing my expertise which has been developed over the many years I have been in childcare.