**Medium and Long term planning – Rainbow Class, Shalfleet**  
  
To ensure the very best learning opportunities in the Early Years it is important to follow the children’s interests.  This means for us at Shalfleet Primary, firstly asking the children what they would be interested in learning about.  
We then create a medium term plan for each half term that creates the skeleton of our learning, for example finding themes within the children’s interests.  From this we adapt the plans on a daily basis to create additional opportunities for learning or in some cases to alter the learning entirely.  Therefore the med-term plan is often subject to change.  
With this same ethos in mind our long term plans offer only overarching themes that may take the children’s interest. As we have no idea where the children will be taking their learning this is only a very broad overview of opportunities across the year.  
  
The most important ethos for our planning is that plans should be flexible enough to adapt to circumstances and that the children are the central factor of our planning, following the good practice of observation, assessing and planning.  We are always more than happy to talk about how we plan and encourage parents to get involved by telling us what their children are interested in, as it may be the case that we do not know about a specific interest of a child.