

## **Importance of Teaching Leadership Skills in the Foundation Phase**

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**ABSTRACT** Imparting leadership skills is the best gift that teachers can give learners as this will make them independent. Teachers look down on this stage because they think that learners in this phase are too young to acquire these skills. The purpose of the study was to investigate the importance of teaching leadership skills in the Foundation Phase. The study had a qualitative research design in which four teachers were sampled from four primary schools. Interviews were used as a method of generating data from the teachers. Data were analysed through content analysis of the responses from the participants. The study findings suggest that leadership skills create a direct link between the learning and performance of each learner and resulted in an effective learning of practice. The study concluded that teaching leadership skills to learners in the Foundation Phase helped them to gain confidence, enthusiasm, courage, and learn other skills.