

Improvement Plan 2023/24



National Improvement Framework Priority: 2.2 Framework to support play and learning

Focused Priority: Children will experience high quality play pedagogy with an enhanced focus on literacy skills

To reflect on pedagogy and how we progress children's learning – taking into account National and Local literature including Realising the Ambition: Being Me and Supporting Early Literacy Learning and Development in the Early Years—SEIC. Considering provocations, ourselves and our space as we look inwards, outwards and forwards.

HGIOELC Quality Indicators

- 2.2 Curriculum
- 2.3 Learning Teaching and Assessment
- 2.5 Family Learning
- 3.2 Securing Children's Progress

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
By June 2024 all children will be challenged and supported to develop early literacy skills through planned targeted interventions	We will use SEIC Early Literacy Document and elips Intervention Tool Kit to ensure staff have a sound understanding of literacy progression and targeted interventions.	Training led by EYLO' Sarah Lamond	Analysis of elips data to identify targeted interventions, activities and progress	August 2023 - June 2024 - twice yearly with elips data- Expected impact will see added value on children's exit data and those returning. Impact reports will be generated to establish progression.
		All EYO's to participate EYLO and PT	Individual children's targets will show	Termly parent chats

be si	rmly literacy targets will shared at progress chats a parents		achievement and progression in early literacy skills and knowledge Progress chats will reflect early literacy development and progression.	
targ pare	y and play sessions with geted activities for ents will link to early racy development	All room EYO staff Sarah Lamond EYLO	Interpretation of Stay and Play engagement data.	Termly through interpretation of engagement data of stay and play.
inter will p	ough tackling early rvention Early Entrants participate through ablishing early literacy	All EYO staff	Elip's scores, room environment, observations, responsive planning, staff questionnaire feedback	April 2024

and communication skills using the communication high 5 strategies, This will also be done by intensive interactions, a rich literacy environment and staff training. E The language of learning will be used in all Seesaw posts.	All EYO Staff	Level of engagement monitored through seesaw app.	Termly through interpretation of engagement data with Seesaw. Ongoing when analysing the impact of activities through impact reports.
F Our family learning programme will include aspects of early literacy, family workshops and local community links.	Kayliegh Kerr (SEYO/Family Worker and lead officer Sarah Lamond)	Groups impact reports will contain relevant and concise data.	December 2023

By December 2023 all practitioners will be confident in supporting children's literacy progress and development through engaging in high quality interactions.	A Use Realising the Ambition - Section 7 - Ensuring Quality through Critically Reflective Practice to support practitioners' understanding of high-quality interactions and how to evaluate the learning from it.	EYLO' Sarah Lamond to lead training for all EYO's	Evidence of quality observations of children's early literacy progression in responsive and intentional planning High quality PLJ observations will show progress for individuals PLJ monitoring will evidence increase in quality observations in literacy for all children	December 2023
		Training led by EYLO Sarah Lamond		
	B Staff to engage with and reflect on the SEIC Early Literacy Document and HGIOELC 3.2. to cultivate	Jill McIntosh (PT) Shelia Wilson (SEYO) Kayleigh Kerr (SEYO)	Pre/post staff questionnaire to measure impact and understanding from training input	Training completed over Term 1 and 2. Evidence from PLJ's, wall display and staff confidence levels will

3 Within the learning environment all children will have increased opportunities to play creatively and develop their literacy skills	confidence in evaluating quality interactions, progression and development of early literacy. C Staff to read and Understand in practice: Realising the Ambition - Section 4 - 4.1 (p44) Interactions, Experiences and Spaces D Use Curriculum for Excellence - 7 Design Principles with a focus on Breath, Depth and Challenge for all children within early literacy	Will facilitate focused professional dialogue sessions during planning time, to assess achievement of the expected impact. Training led by EYLO Sarah Lamond All EYO's to participate	Displays to demonstrate the practitioner's awareness and understanding of children's progression in early literacy. Professional dialogue and planned observations of each other Planning and PLJ's will evidence the 7 principles of curriculum design with a focus on Breath, Depth and Challenge	A Reading hub to be created for staff to refer to and read throughout the academic session. CI hub links referred to practitioners to support continuous personal development. August 2023 individual - SEIC literacy documents issued to staff members to refer to throughout academic session.
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through everyday experiences	Focus on literacy reflective questions in the SEIC Early Literacy Document to support staff to evaluate and improve core provision in order to support children's literacy progress		Room standards will reflect a rich literacy learning environment, with appropriate resources and experiences for all learners through using the sensorimotor and motor development checklist.	Term 1 - initial questionnaire Term 2 - Revisit questionnaire Term 4 - Analyse questionnaire and plan next steps
4	Introduce sensorimotor and motor development checklist to support staff understanding of pre-early literacy skills. C We will use SEIC Early Literacy Document to support staff's holistic understanding of literacy skills. We will refer to 'Realising the Ambition:	All staff to participate in training led by EYLO	Staff questionnaire before and after to measure impact and understanding	Ongoing - Staff Training
4 By June 2024 all children will have opportunities to develop and demonstrate growth	'Realising the Ambition: Chapter 4 Interactions, Experiences and Spaces'	Sarah Lamond		

mindset attributes, through curiosity, exploration, resilience and	A Engage staff in training		
an increased self-belief.	activities to further understand strategies to support children's growth	Floorbooks will capture children's progress	Term 4
	mindset.	PLJ observations will	
		document individual	
		progress and	
		achievements	
		Staff dialogue and	
		observations of each	
		other will help identify	
		staff supporting children	
		to develop skills	
		Impact reports to	
		analyse impact of training	
		for staff	
Ongoing Evaluation			

National Improvement Framework Priority: 5 - School and ELC improvement

Focused Priority:

All children will experience equality and non-discriminatory experiences in our ELC and will develop and learn the skills in applying empathy and respect for themselves and others

HGIOELC Quality Indicators

- 2.2 Curriculum
- 2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment
- 2.4 Personalised Support

3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

3.2 Securing Children's Progress

Expected Impact	Strategic Actions Planned	Responsibilities	Measure of Success (Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)	Timescales
By October 2023 all practitioners will be confident in understanding how we support children to learn through the UNCRC	Professional dialogue within staff teams to evaluate and reflect on examples of successful activities which supported children to understand their rights during session 22-23	UNCRC Working party to lead practitioners in professional dialogue.	Confident staff can engage in dialogue and reflect on their practice. Floor books will capture ongoing work and allow practitioners to evaluate successes from session 2022-23	October 2023

	B Professional reading - "Learning through Rights in ELC' to widen practitioners' knowledge of all UNCRC rights	Jill McIntosh (EYPT) to source and supply reading materials	Staff self and peer assessment of where their understanding was of children's rights in Aug 2023 compared to Jan 2023	Aug 2023 - Dec 2023
By June 2024 all children in our ELC will have an awareness of how they experience the following key rights in ELC:	A Through age-appropriate activities all children will further develop their understanding of these key rights through planned activities promoted by	All EYO's and PSA's	Significant observations of the children will evidence the impact of learning linked to each Rights Captain	June 2024
The right to be with friends and part of a group The right to grow and develop	practitioners through our Rights Captains (superhero crochet characters)		PLJ observations for individual children will show progress and development linked to UNCRC	Ongoing from Aug 2023
The right to be listened to				Ongoing from Aug 2023
The right to celebrate	В			
their own culture	All practitioners will create a child-friendly environment	UNCRC leads All EYO's and PSA's	Planning records and evaluations will evidence	
The right to know their rights	to reflect the principles of the UNCRC - this will focus on promoting inclusivity,	Shelia Wilson (SEYO)	children's learning through UNCRC	December 2023

	respect and fairness for all children	Kayliegh Kerr (SEYO)	Room standards reflect the effectiveness of the environment	
	All adults will role model behaviour which encourages children to ask open-ended questions and engage in active listening to show children that their voices and opinions are valued	Wider team within the nursery: Janitor, school dinner staff, office staff	Observations and conversations with all adults will promote positive role modelling Our children are curious, inquisitive and confident when sharing their opinions	
3 By December 2023 we will establish a charter that promotes equality, non-discrimination and	A UNCRC Working Party leads to host workshop and discussion with other practitioners to help staff	Jill McIntosh (Principal Teacher)	Minutes from meetings will evidence evaluations and identify next steps	Ongoing audits each term.
inclusion within our ELC to ensure all children feel valued, respected and supported in their	better understand and identify opportunities to improve our inclusive practice	UNCRC Working Party	Nursery Charter will be embedded into everyday practice of all adults working in the nursery	Term 4 23/24

development, regardless of their background or abilities	B Evaluate provision and practice in all areas to promote gender-neutral language and resources and to challenge stereotypes C Create a charter which focuses on creating an environment where our children experience equality and non-discrimination	Kayleigh Kerr (SEYO) Shelia Wilson (SEYO) Sarah Lamond (EYLO) Jill McIntosh (PT) Sandie Johnston (HT) UNCRC working party	Core Provision audit will incorporate the evaluation of genderneutral resources Playroom observations and discussions with staff will detail gender neutral language and the frequency of use Our Equality Nursery Charter is understood by children, parents and stakeholders.	Ongoing from Term 1
	D Practitioners to role model inclusive and non-discriminatory behaviour	Members of the SLT Sandie Johnston (HT)	All staff will be exposed to positive role modelling with a focus on inclusive language.	

Ongoing Evaluation	