

Early Language and Communication Project

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Bedtime Stories

An Early Language and Communication Improvement Story Board from South Lanarkshire

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The issue	The team	Our idea
Many families within our area live in poverty and do not have access to a variety of books for children. Promote and develop: Early literacy skills Language and communication skills Parental engagement in children's learning Support bedtime routine	Management Team Staff team Equity and Excellence Lead Children Parents/carers	To provide the children with an opportunity to read a bedtime story, exploring the book and have discussions around it – sharing it with their family members as part of their bedtime routine. The children and parent/carers had the opportunity to complete a child friendly questionnaire, draw a picture of their favourite character/mark make, which was displayed on our home link wall. Photos and comments could also be added to the child's learning journal to share their experience. A small task was also included in relation to the book to add an extra challenge and fun.
Tools & resources we used.	What we did	The impact
Bed time story book Home link bag and pack explaining everything about the project. Pencil case/ writing materials Toothbrush Toothpaste QR Codes in relation to the book/song Child friendly questionnaire Google Forms	Email sent to parents/ carers prior to starting the project to explain it. Planned in advance, discussions to ensure that the initiative went to plan, and resources were obtained and prepared. Adapted to suit the needs and stage of development for the children receiving them, if they preferred sensory stories or songs this was put in place. Shared learning experience on Home link board Created a procedure to ensure the initiative ran well and was sustained.	The children receiving the Bedtime Stories had the opportunity to share their learning with their families and then with staff and children within their room. Provided an opportunity for children to follow a bedtime routine, explore print, draw/mark make, have discussions, share likes and dislikes, predict, re-tell or create their own version of the story. Participation and engagement levels were high this was evident through parental feedback on google forms and children's questionnaires and learning journal posts.
Our learning & next steps	Learning from this initiative highlighted that there are various circumstances that may affect the participation level and that maybe a questionnaire sent out to the parents prior to starting would be a good starting point. This would gauge if parent's/carers wish their child to take part or if they would prefer an alternative to the book. To continue to run the project, reflecting and adapting where necessary.	
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