



## **Kiddy Winks Pre School**

### **Early Years Pupil Premium Case Study**

#### **Introduction**

Kiddy Winks Pre-School is a committee-run provision. It opened in 1992 and operates from a large playroom within a community centre. It is situated in the residential area of Sneinton, which is close to Nottingham city centre. We take children from 2-5 years. We have children from many different cultures and faiths and have a variety of 1<sup>st</sup> languages. As many of our families do not have English as their first language, we work closely with other professionals in the area, especially Health Visitors.

The individual and group trackers we use to assess children's development showed that a lot of children were delayed with their Communication and Language

We agreed that some families have few toys and books at home so we thought we would try and give parents bags containing toys and a helpful sheet with ideas of how to use the toys at home.

We wanted to help parents spend quality time playing with their children and talking to them.

Another area we had identified as an issue was that the lunchboxes children brought in to playgroup were not healthy and parents were living on a tight budget and finding it difficult to afford healthy food.

#### **This is what we did....**

We started by focusing on how we can work closely in partnership with parents

#### **Partnerships with parents/carers- Communication, Language and Literacy**

Home/nursery "Busy Bags"- we bought 12 "Busy Bags". Each bag contained soft toys, a book and Practical Activities – rhyme by Alice Sharpe. The book explains how the parent/carer can use the toys to engage with their child and develop their interaction and communication skills. We have found these very popular with parents especially those who do not have English as their first language, as they are able to use the packs in their first language. We also added leaflets from National Literacy Trust, the "Talk to your Baby" series which give tips for parents on interacting and sharing books with your child/baby.



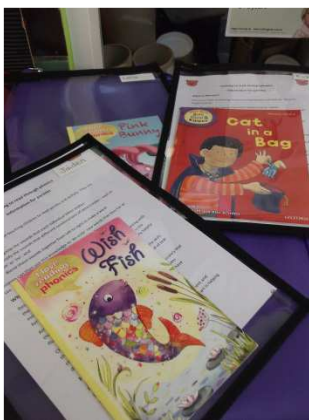
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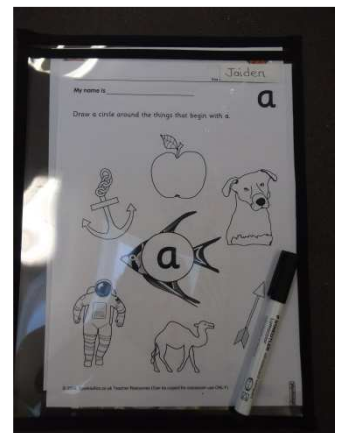
**“Nursery Rhyme Bags”**  
which have a simple nursery rhyme in it and a puppet as a prop for the rhyme



**Home/nursery bags-**  
“Reading Book bags” we bought some more early Oxford Reading Scheme books and put them in a transparent folder, they have a activity sheet for the child and a dry wipe pen so that the child can do the sheet as many times as they like through the folder.



**We often put simple matching/bingo games to support initial phonemes and rhyming.**





### **Partnership with parents and carers - healthy eating**

We have run a Healthy Eating Project with parents for the past 2 terms. They have been a great success with parents and we have had 8 and 10 parents involved each term. We contacted Nottingham City Care and worked with one of their Nutritionists. They hosted a meeting for all new parents to look at what makes a healthy lunchbox giving parents ideas on how to improve the food in the children's lunchboxes without having to pay more for it. Parents/carers were then able to sign up for a free course. Parents were able to work with the Nutritionist for 6 sessions in the community centre kitchen and make healthy meals on a budget. Parents/carers feedback was excellent and they have acquired more skills to cook healthily on a budget.

### **Impact of EYPP Funding**

The children's lunchboxes are much healthier now and most of the children are able to say when they or another child has something in their lunchbox that is not healthy

The parents and children love taking the various home/ nursery bags home and we are adding other equipment such as jigsaws and games if we feel children have few toys at home.

We are analysing the group trackers each term and measuring the improvement in the areas of Communication and Language and Literacy

### **Next Steps**

We are hoping to continue the Healthy Cooking and Eating Project next term if it is still available and use the funding to hire the kitchen for another 6 weeks to support the new parents

We will continue to develop the Home/nursery bags and are hoping to add a collection of bags that support fine motor skills to support writing.