

EARLY EDUCATION

Early Years Pupil Premium – Case Study (Home Learning)

Empowering parents and carers to use their home environment to enhance their children's learning

Support parents and carers to recognise what they are doing already to support their children's learning

Provide activities and materials for parents/carers and children to do together at home or in the setting and offer tips on how to get children engaged in early learning at home, e.g. encourage parents to have extended conversations with their children about interesting topics.

Inspire parents and carers to find the maths in everyday family life outside of the setting. Research tells us that just increasing the amount we talk to children about maths is one of the best ways to help them learn

Encourage/increase knowledge-sharing between home and the setting, e.g. children could use shoeboxes to bring in personal artefacts from home and these could be used to support learning activities in the setting

What can you do?

Ensure families have access to library/free books to help increase the frequency and quality of language interactions through book related activities

Use ICT to develop learning resources for use at home, e.g. use PowerPoint with families to create short stories

Create and share story sacks that include outdoor activities at home

In partnership with other services, offer workshops or home visiting activities linking practical activities and daily routines to the home context to give parents the skills and confidence to take an active role in developing their children's early learning, e.g. co-produce family games and books with parents and carers

Empower parents and carers to support their children's engagement in museums, galleries, and libraries, e.g. via an initial supported group visit

Set up a lending toy/book library

Demonstrate and model the use of language and communication, e.g. use taped stories, role play and games as themes for home time activities for children to use with their parents and carers in the setting and at home with their families