

Houston Primary School's  
Early Learning & Childcare Class

# Improvement



# Plan

Session 2020-21



Here are some of the things that we successfully put in place last session (2019-2020) with the support of the children, staff, parents and wider community...

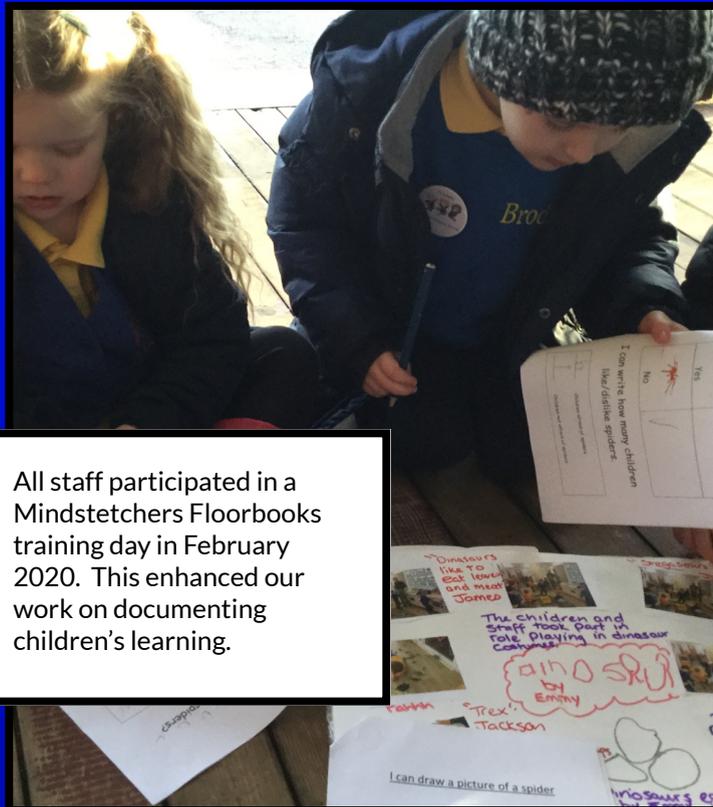
Forged wonderful partnerships with parents to support the children's learning and interests: working with an artist, sports coaching, cookery and baking skills.



Staff completed training on S.E.AL. and took forward ideas to develop children's numeracy skills through playful experiences and everyday interactions.



Staff took forward training and professional reading by working collaboratively to develop our learning environment, re-designing the layout in some areas and extending the variety of materials available for play.



All staff participated in a Mindstetchers Floorbooks training day in February 2020. This enhanced our work on documenting children's learning.



**Cinema night for premier of trolls night with these**

During COVID-19 lockdown, staff continued to nurture their positive relationships with children and their parents, and promoted opportunities for learning, through digital communications.

Please take a look at our key priorities for session 2020-21 which will see us move into our new Early Learning & Childcare Centre...

Develop procedures and guidelines, in relation to COVID-19, to support good hygiene and social distancing.

Provide a nurturing ethos which promotes wellbeing and positive relationships, in line with Renfrewshire's Nurturing Approach and our shared school values: FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, HONESTY AND SUCCESS.

Develop the use of new Personal Care Plans that take account of individual's needs and progress their learning.

Develop our new indoor and outdoor learning environments to provide stimulating learning provocations and facilitate self-selection of materials for play, with access to a wide variety of quality multi-purpose resources that allow children to develop their own interests.

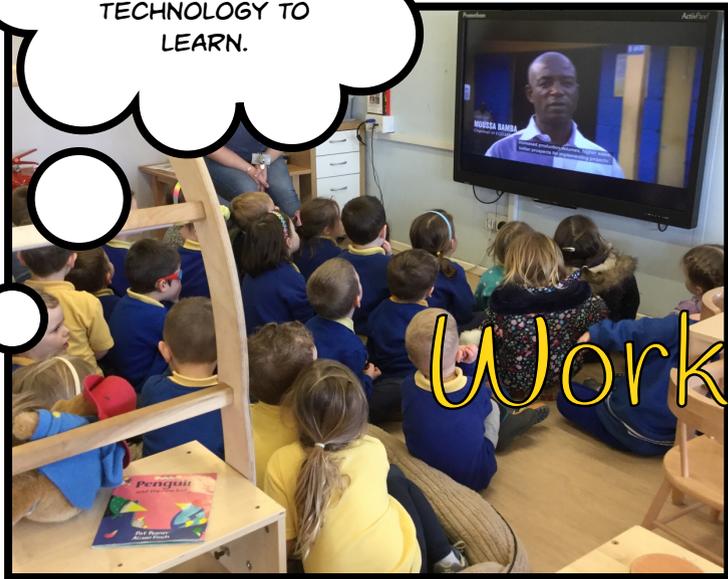
We hope you find our child (and adult) friendly Improvement Plan for next session useful.



WE LOVE TO PLAY AND LEARN

WE LIKE TO HAVE LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO CHOOSE FROM.

WE LOVE TO USE COMPUTERS, IPADS AND TECHNOLOGY TO LEARN.



WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO...

- provide guidelines and procedures relating to best health and hygiene practice, in relation to COVID-19.
- practice increased cleaning, hygiene and social distancing, in order to minimise risk of cross contamination.
- educate children about good hygiene through everyday routines e.g. hand washing, coughing into elbow.
- develop children's understanding of the importance of personal hygiene and the impact germs can have on our bodies.
- ensure access to outdoor learning on a daily basis to support social distancing rules and provide fun time in the fresh air.
- focus on mental and physical wellbeing.

HOW THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU...

- you will transfer knowledge of hygiene routines into everyday life, to minimise your risk of becoming unwell.
- your health and well-being needs will be met, allowing you to have fun learning indoors and outdoors.



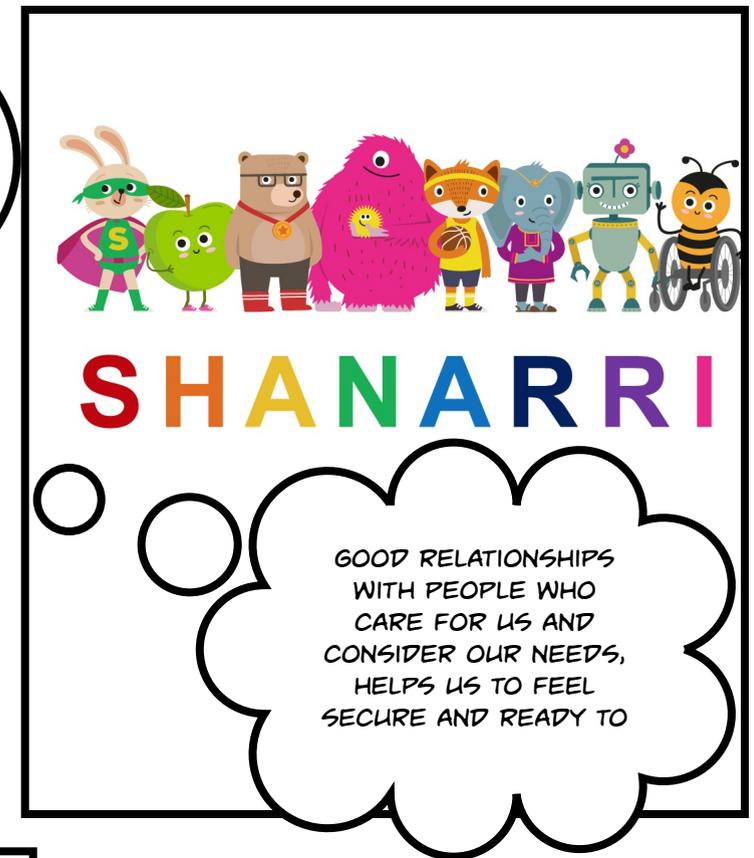
WE MAKE CONNECTIONS AND IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING WHEN WE LEARN BY DOING.



Working to keep you and your family healthy...



Caring for others and enjoying time together.



# five to thrive

The things you do every day that help your child's growing brain

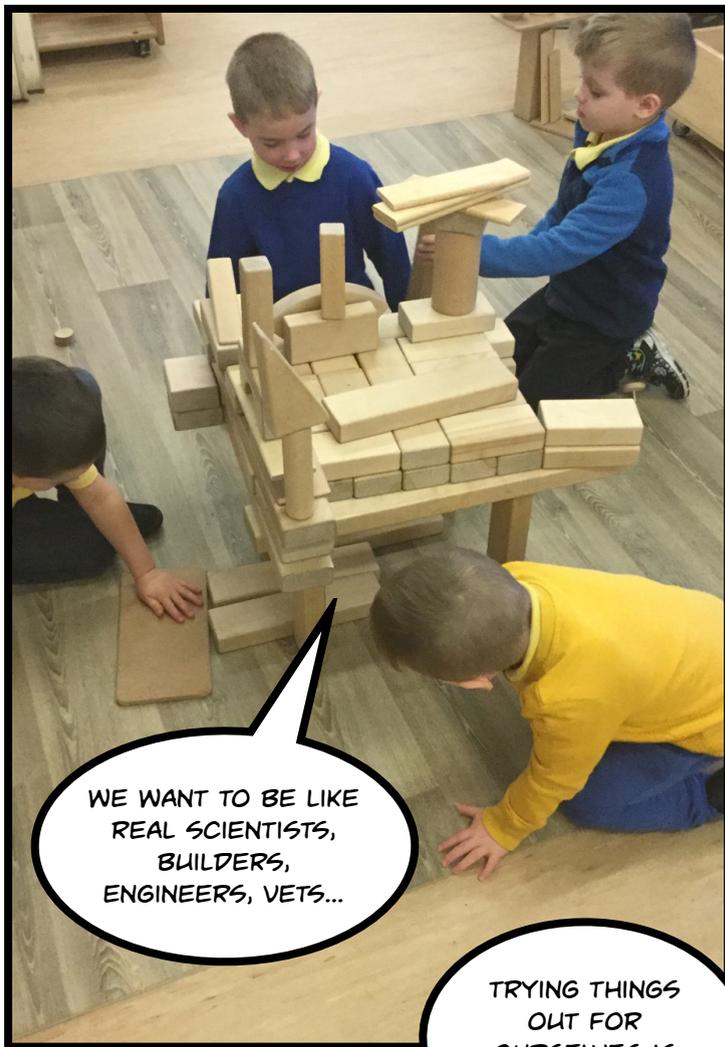
### WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO...

- share information on approaches to wellbeing with you and your parents/carers (in order to build relationships and support families through COVID-19).
- provide opportunities for your loved ones to take part in activities which promote talking, responding, playing, and relaxing with you, e.g. Book Club, Stay & Play, Play Along Sacks.
- through everyday interactions, we will promote positive relationships by developing an awareness and understanding of our shared school values: Friendship, Respect, Honesty and Success.

### HOW THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU...

- the adults who care for you will have a good understanding of things they can do to help you feel safe, loved and in a good place to learn.
- your parents/carers will have access to resources to use at home and opportunities to come to the EL&CC to learn about the things that are important to your growing brain and wellbeing.

Working to develop nurture approaches...



WE WANT TO BE LIKE REAL SCIENTISTS, BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, VETS...

TRYING THINGS OUT FOR OURSELVES IS FUN!

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO...

- build and furnish a wonderful new Early Learning and Childcare Centre.
- recruit and train staff who love working with children and who know lots about how little children learn and grow.
- observe you playing and carefully think about things that might make your learning even better and more fun for you.
- inspire your curiosity, creativity and problem solving skills by provoking your interests with materials that can be used in different ways to develop your understanding and skills across the curriculum.
- develop a literacy and numeracy rich environment for you to learn (indoors and outdoors).

HOW THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU...

- you will have a new purpose built EL&CC with a well planned indoor layout and an exciting outdoor space that offers endless learning opportunities.
- you will develop your understanding of the world, with the support of skilled practitioners, who inspire your natural curiosity and inclination to experiment with materials and solve problems.



Working to develop your learning environment...



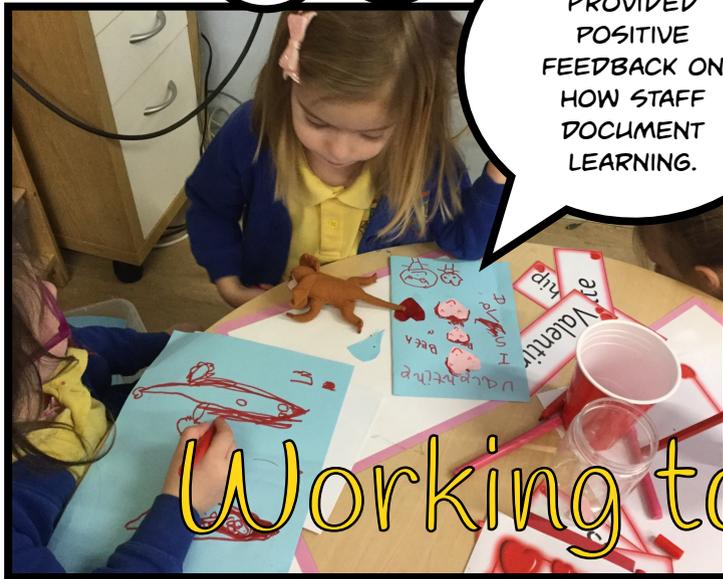
WE LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OUR LEARNING.

WE LIKE TO WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND LEARN FROM EACH





STAFF USE THEIR OBSERVATIONS OF CHILDREN AT PLAY AND USE THIS TO HELP THEM PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL'S LEARNING.



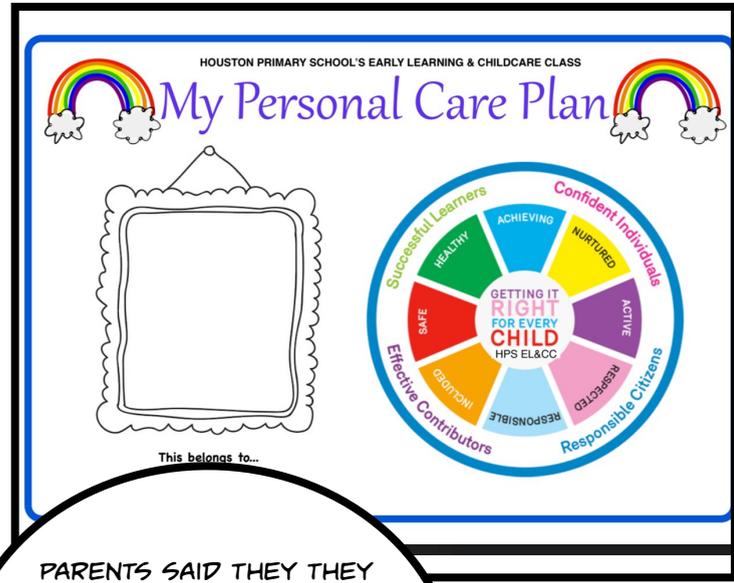
PARENTS/CARERS PROVIDED POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON HOW STAFF DOCUMENT LEARNING.

**WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO...**

- implement a new Personal Care Plan that allows staff to plan and review your learning regularly, in consultation with you and your parents.
- use 'My Special Book' to record aspects of your learning, highlighting your strengths and possible next steps.
- watch and listen to you as you play, in order to take your learning forward and challenge you.
- provide opportunities for you to take part in planning, doing and reviewing learning, through the use of our Floorbooks.
- staff will use Trackers to record your achievements in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing, so that we can plan for your next steps.
- staff will continue to attend relevant training and put into practice their learning.

**HOW THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU...**

- you will have fun making choices and learning about things that interest you.
- your skills will progress appropriately, with support from trusted adults.
- you will be able to look back and talk about your learning and what you would like to learn about next.



PARENTS SAID THEY THEY ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT ABOUT THE SKILLS WE DEVELOP THROUGH OUR EXPERIENCES AT NURSERY. THEY VALUE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS THEIR CHILD'S PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS.



WE LOVE SHARING OUR LEARNING WITH OUR FAMILIES THROUGH OUR 'SPECIAL BOOKS'.

Working to personalise your learning...



Feedback from children and parents/carers, covering different aspects of our EL&CC provision, can be found on our website and at our Main Entrance.

We will update our website regularly, so that you can find out what is going on in Houston Primary School's Early Learning and Childcare Class.

We will continue to ask you about how we can improve things and will work hard to take forward your ideas.

Thank you for taking time to read about our work.