

Peep Transitions Group, Halyrude Primary School, Peebles

Description:

This was a six week programme delivered in partnership by the CLD service family learning team and Halyrude Primary School. Its aim was to support parents and carers of preschool children by welcoming and preparing them for transition from nursery/home to the school. Peep Transitions is a great way for schools and nurseries to enhance school readiness and engage parents in their child's early learning.

There is no nursery attached to the school, referrals come from local feeder nurseries and other early years settings. Polish families make up 10% of the school role. Four Polish families attended the group.

Nine families enrolled in the six week programme. An average of six families attended each session and fully took part in all activities designed to help parents and carers feel more confident to support their children's learning at home.

Activities included: shared reading, play and language and den building. Eight adults and six children took part in a 'technology and your child' session which included a P1 classroom visit and demonstration of using the interactive white board.

Outcomes:

- All parents and carers gained a better understanding of what to expect when their child starts school. All parents/carers were able to voice and discuss any concerns they had. This included two Polish parents discussing their anxiety around their child's English language skills and how this may impact on their learning.
- Six parents expressed how happy they were that they were able to see the setting and meet some of the teachers before the start of school
- All the children fully took part in activities which let the children get to know each other, such as den building and musical instruments session.
- Five parents highlighted the benefit of the children meeting each other before the start of school as they felt that it would help the children settle into school more quickly. As there is no nursery attached to the school and the children came from three different early years settings this was particularly important.

Quotes:

"The children now know what they are coming to...it has given them a taste of school and it prepares them"

"It has been great coming here with my daughter and to see what the school looks like inside. I feel happier now"

"He didn't want to talk about school before and now he is looking forward to it. He loves coming here and he tells his daddy all about it!"

"They might have met their friend for life here"





Next Steps:

- Two follow up sessions with the parents/cares are planned at the start of the new term at Halyrude School