



Childminding Case Study

Munchkinos



The Brief:

To supply “Munchkinos Childminding” with resources training and support engagement in their little ones and older children in the learning process.

The Delivery:

Munchkinos Childminding team hopped on board during 2021. They received virtual live online training on how to use the resources and deliver the sessions to extend their little one’s learning.

The initial training was followed up with extra live online sessions with the children along with access to weekly support sessions when they need any assistance or have questions.

All settings have access to weekly “Discover your very own Littlemagictrain” and the “Session of the month” to ensure there is continuity for the little ones in your setting and team. Settings can join the training sessions when it works for them as we know life happens!

Frequency of Sessions in their Setting:

Munchkinos aim to run sessions once a week.

Children with ALN:

Munchkinos Childminding does not currently have any children with ALN.

The Children, their Engagement and Impact:

Alongside the adventures, when they can, they link activities to activities outside. For example, with the adventure “Feeding the ducks” the children enjoyed the session so much that they acted on their enthusiasm and went outside on a journey to find some live ducks!

The children researched what to feed ducks and made up a pot of oats each to feed them. They also sat on the canal bank and read the story “The Ugly Duckling” together. The children decided the animals were unkind in the story and all agreed they wouldn’t be so mean to the little duckling.

Munchkinos are very fortunate, as a setting, to have access to a lot of outdoor space and woodland. This is wonderful for the children as they have a very large age range in the setting.

Munchkinos sometimes include healthy eating and hygiene along the theme of the adventures they go on with Littlemagictrain and it has had a positive impact on the children.

One of my favourite examples of engagement and learning was when they took the Littlemagictrain to the North Pole and Munchkinos set up a science experiment linked to the adventure. The Littlemagictrain became frozen in the ice, and they had to find a way of safely thawing him out of the ice to get back home.



Scan the QR code to watch the fun they had on their Facebook page: Munchkinos Childminding.



An example of the way you can use the adventures for sequencing this is also from the North Pole when they had to find a way to warm-up.

All questions were answered using the 1 to 5 sliding scale

- 1: 0% of improvement in children
- 2: Improvement in 25% of children
- 3: Improvement in 50% of children
- 4: Improvement in 75% of children
- 5: Improvement in 100% of children

Improved outcomes using Littlemagictrain

Question 1: Since starting sessions have you seen an improvement in physical movement and physical literacy?

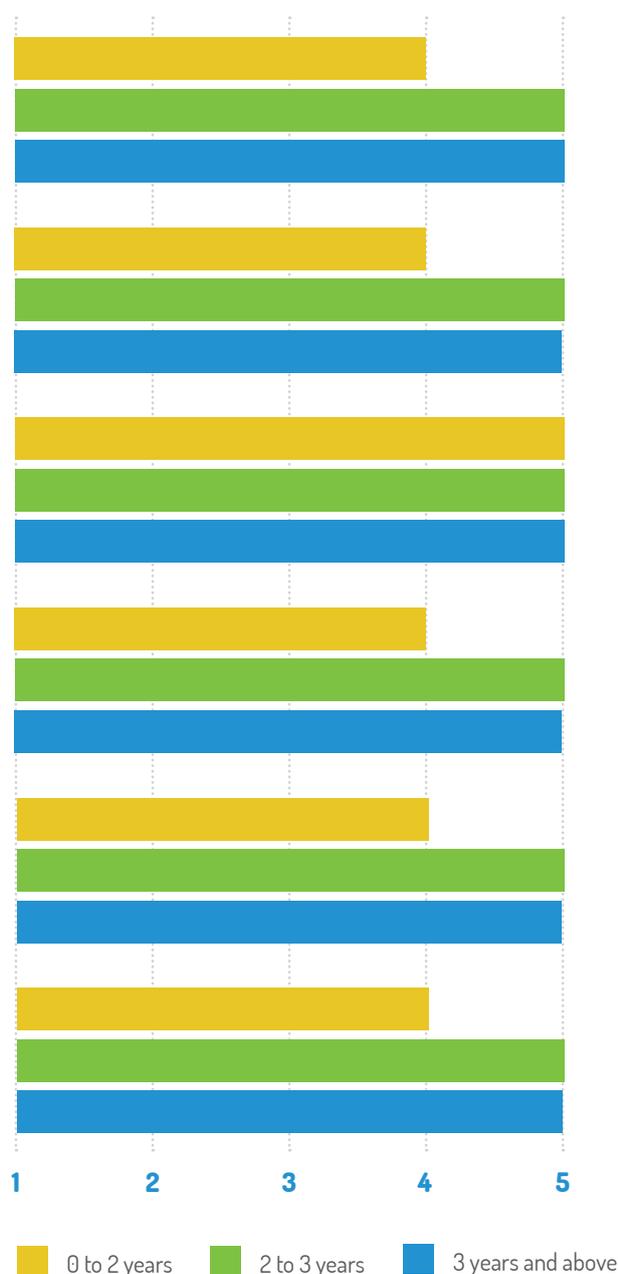
Question 2: Since starting sessions have you seen an improvement in language and communication skills?

Question 3: Since starting sessions have you seen any development in their social skills and interaction with each other and you?

Question 4: Since starting sessions have you seen any development in their knowledge and understanding of the world and things around them?

Question 5: Since starting sessions have you seen any development in their emotional skills?

Question 6: Since starting sessions have you seen an improvement in their well-being (health & emotional)?



Conclusion:

Munchkinos Childminding has seen an improvement in all areas of the children's learning and engagement with Littlemagictrain and particularly in the following areas:

- Children's Physical Literacy
- Children's Social Skills and Interaction with each other
- Children's knowledge and understanding of the world
- Children's well-being

What they say:

"The children adore our weekly Littlemagictrain sessions. As a setting, we are 'fully onboard' with the ethos of the programme and as a result, it is firmly entrenched into our weekly routine. The Littlemagictrain has not only captured the imagination of the children but has helped to improve so many of their skills, especially their physical literacy.

The support offered by this programme is outstanding, you can tap into their extensive knowledge at any time. It evolves with you and new ideas are added frequently. We have never come across a company that offers such amazing ongoing support before and truly cares about its end user.

The greatest endorsement for us is that the children use The Littlemagictrain during their imaginative play. It is their own idea to include Simon to take them on adventures. They often create him with loose parts, climbing frames, sheets, and boxes or just include him in their stories.

When learning is so much fun it's no wonder, they enjoy the journey".





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