The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding that a school or childcare provider can claim, it is allocated to improve a three or four year old child’s learning and development. It is designed to help and support specific groups of children. The funding is allocated for children who meet certain criteria the term after their 3rd birthday.

The EYPP provides an extra 53p per hour for 3 and 4 year old children whose parents are eligible. For the academic year 2015 to 2016, the funding allocated per child that is eligible is £302.10. As this is a new initiative commencing in the Summer Term of 2015, we received funding for one term (£100 per child).

We can use the extra funding we receive to improve the early years education that we provide for your child. This could include, additional training for the staff on early language, investing in partnership working with our colleagues, projects that can accelerate children’s learning. Schools and childcare providers are however, accountable for how effective they use the additional funds.

For more information on Early Years Pupil Premium or to check to see if your child is eligible to claim for Pupil Premium, please visit:

http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/eypp

**How we used our Early Years Pupil Premium**

**Summer term 2015 to Spring 2016**

We received £2,210, this was for 20 children.

We decided to use the funding to provide Forest School Sessions so every child can receive Forest School every week.

We know that Forest School has many benefits for children. Forest School improved the outcomes for our EYPP children in Making Relationships, Self-confidence and Self-awareness, Understanding and Speaking and Understanding the World.

This initiative had a huge impact on all the children that the school decided to invest in training two members of staff this academic year in delivering forest school sessions themselves. This will enable the school to continue to provide opportunities for the children to make good progress across all areas of learning and in particular to develop their social and communication skills and overall well being.

**Summer term 2016 to Spring term 2017**

We received £8,165, this was for 79 children.

This year we have used our Pupil Premium money to buy in a speech and language therapist from West Midlands Speech and Language Service. Catherine works with us every Wednesday and supports children with specialist level of need.
Through initial assessments, Catherine has identified children at specialist level of needs and has put interventions in place to enable children to develop their speech, language and communication skills to age appropriate levels.

Staff and Catherine have identified children who need additional support and involvement. For these children we have made referrals to ensure that they get the more focused and targeted support they need.

Each week a member of the staff team works alongside Catherine. As a result, staff have a good awareness of children’s speech and language development and are able to support specific language needs through a range of targeted activities and strategies on a daily basis.

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