



YORKSHIRE & HUMBER TOGETHER EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB



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What does the Stronger Practice Hub do?

- We share evidence informed practice with you
- We act as a point of contact for advice and support and signposting
- We provide bespoke advice and support
- We encourage networking of practitioners across the whole sector



How do I find out what is happening?

- Please sign up to our mailing list and you will receive all the latest information.
- Also check the national Stronger Practice Hubs Website for latest information and a whole wealth of resources and information
- You can follow us on social media too! Scan the QR code below.....



What's on?

Check the national Stronger Practice Hubs website for all the latest updates and useful resources

<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/>

A busy September!



Gestalt Language Processing -

We met online to find out what it means if children are described as a 'Gestalt' language learner

Some things that you have told us that you now plan to do

“Look out for gestalt language phrases/single words and figure out their meanings, then respond to the 'intention'”

“Listen to the children in my care”

“Liaise with our Communication and Language lead and EY SEND manager plus our SALT colleagues to plan some CPD/ training around GLP and consider how this can be reflected in our local CL toolkit for early years professionals”

“Create Gestalts and visual board”

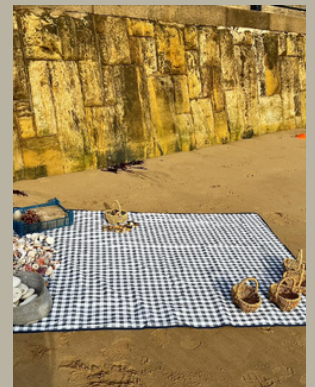
“Try to unpick children's language learning style earlier”

Childminder beach network

A wonderful morning on the beach looking at the potential for maths in everyday natural objects. Each setting left with a little goody bag so that they could carry on exploring and learning together.

The next one is currently being planned.

We're hoping to be in a forest setting next time!



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Nurturing young minds

We met for the first session and learned about brain development and started to evaluate provision that we offer for children who are under 2. We also networked, made resources and went away with lots to think about as we audit our 0-2 environments



Well done to

Mana Childcare who excitedly went away and made this inspiring area in their setting, thinking carefully about what they had learned on the first session!

Please do send things into us if you have been busy - its always great to share ideas with each other for inspiration.



Upcoming events - join usonline

Gestalt Language Processing - part 2

This is the next level of training for those who have attended one of our Gestalt Language Processing webinars before. There was one in September and there was one last year. This one takes things on another level and attendees must have attended the first one to have the underpinning knowledge to access this one. A more in depth look at how we can support Gestalt Language Processors.

Tues 25th November
630-830pm (online)



Speech and Language network group

This a regular network with a different theme each month. Following feedback, we are going to be taking your questions by email before the event so that Helen can prepare some answers / discussion around them. This will also mean that you can be anonymous when you raise your question. A regular group are attending these now and new practitioners are always welcome. Our last session was FULL - please re-book quickly if you want to stay in this active group!

Upcoming dates

Tues 11th November (developing children's vocabulary)
Tuesday 9th December (introduction to colourful semantics)

630-- 8pm (online)



Upcoming events - join us



SEND network

Following our very successful launch, where we discussed the new DfE assessments, the next SEND network will focus on our ordinarily available provision for SEND. What can we offer in our day to day that will extend the range of needs that we can cater for?

Our next meeting is all about writing EHCP requests. This was a strong theme that came out of our last network.

These sessions are led by Claire Rigden, Headteacher at St Paul's Nursery School in York, who have an Enhanced Resourced Provision for SEND as part of their school. We want to make this network friendly, supportive and responsive to your needs.

Our next meeting is
Wednesday 3rd December (online)
4 - 530pm

Interactive reading network

These sessions are led by Dawn Kimber, our co-hub lead. We will be extending our work looking at vocabulary development. This is for established members and new members - anyone passionate about supporting early reading!!!!



Our next meeting is
Thursday 4th December (face to face)
Childhaven Nursery School
9 - 11am



Upcoming events - join us

Visitor Days

Come and visit our settings 'live' in action and talk to our hub staff about evidence based provision and practices.

These are all face to face sessions where you will have the opportunity to see children in our settings engaged in their usual activities alongside some CPD from a member of our team.



St Paul's Nursery School and
ERP for SEND (York) - A chance to see best
practice in supporting children with SEND in action!

17th November 2025
(slots throughout the day)

Childhaven Nursery School
(Scarborough)



"Deep involvement and self regulation - even at Christmas!!

Tuesday 2nd December - 930 - 11am

Green Hedges Day Nursery
(Scarborough)

A focus on 0-2 provision.

(Scarborough)



Thursday 17th November 9:30 - 11am OR 2 to 3:30pm



Upcoming events - join us

Childminder network (face to face)

Come with your children to a forest school setting to further our work on maths and patterning in the great outdoors.

A practical session for you to bring your children with you, have fun, network and learn together

FREE resources for each childminding setting

Date to be confirmed



Childminder network (online)

Join us online to discuss the new DfE Nutrition Guidance.

Date and time to be confirmed

Email Natalie to express interest in these sessions
natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

New fully funded opportunity

Maths Champions

Maths Champions is an online professional development programme with 12 months access developed by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA).

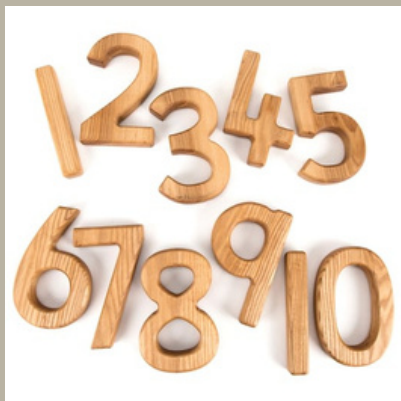
The programme consists of nine steps which can be completed flexibly around your schedule.

The aim of the programme is to increase practitioner knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting early mathematics in order to improve outcomes for children.

Participating nurseries will nominate a Maths Champion and Deputy Maths Champion who will lead the programme supporting and driving improvement.

Follow this link to read the full details:

<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/.../Maths...>



Improve children's outcomes by three months through becoming a Maths Champion in your setting.

Express your interest here:

www.bit.ly/YAHTeoi



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