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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Nursery Rhymes. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- Children who are making very good progress in their learning as a result of their nursery experiences. They are highly motivated and fully engaged in their learning.
- Commitment of senior leaders to ensure the wellbeing of children and practitioners. There are nurturing relationships between children, practitioners and families. This has created a strong family ethos, sense of community and ensured a stable staff team.
- Skilled practitioners who work very effectively as a team. They provide high quality learning experiences for all children, including through very well planned and wide use of the local area.
- The nursery owner who has created an ethos of shared leadership and professional learning across the team. This has enabled all practitioners to lead improvements effectively and progress in their career.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from Dundee City Council.

- Continue to refine approaches to documenting children's progress and learning. This should help children, families and practitioners to easily recognise and celebrate progress children make in their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Nursery Rhymes

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: <https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3895>

What happens next?

We are confident that the setting has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Dundee City Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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HM Inspector