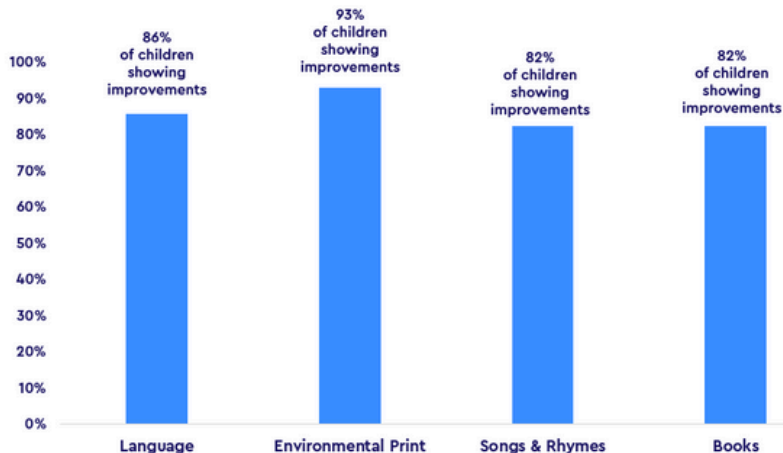


# Making it REAL Lewisham 2021-2024 Evaluation Report - Key Insights

Percentage of children showing improvements on each REAL scale following involvement in Making it REAL



Children **show improvement** in **communication, language** and **early literacy development** and also in their **life skills** e.g. independence, confidence

## Across the programme

**1200+**  
children reached

**427**  
staff trained

**776**  
parents reached

**94%**

of parents feel **confident/very confident** supporting their child's learning at home compared to **57%** prior to taking part in Making it REAL

**Strong partnership** forged between Early Years and Libraries

**395**

children have signed up to the library through MiR

**100%**  
of parents

who attended Sharing REAL workshops said their **knowledge, confidence** and **awareness** of how to support their child has **increased**

**60**

EYs settings trained to deliver the home learning programme

**47%**  
of EYs settings reached

## Making it REAL has

- ↑ **Enhanced** practitioner **awareness** of the **importance** of the **HLE**
- ↑ **Increased frequency** of **positive HLE activities**
- ↑ **Enhanced quality** of **communication offer** within **settings** and in the **community**

Parenting style and practises have shifted, with **more confident, informed, relaxed,** and **capable parenting**

*"I'm more patient, more observant - it's changed my parenting"*

**99%** of **practitioners** report **increased confidence** and **knowledge** in working with **parents** to **support communication** and **early literacy**

*"It has made a great impact on knowing how to support parents at home but also teaching staff different ways to support children's early literacy skills, such as using environmental print"*

## Key enablers

- **Strong strategic leadership** from the LA
- **Partnership working**
- **Multi-agency approach** across the borough

## Common barriers

- **Staffing** - workforce, recruitment, retention & ratios
- **Sufficient time** for culture change to happen and be embedded

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