

# Lisa Matthews known as 'Little Stepping Stones'

Supporting early bilingual learning

## Impact ...

- Children show more interest in books and stories
- Early literacy skills have strengthened through regular reading at home and in the setting
- Children show pride when choosing their weekly book and sharing it with their families
- Families have developed positive routines around reading and language learning
- Children show a growing awareness of Welsh culture and identity

*It's been wonderful to see children grow in confidence and excitement as they share Welsh words and stories with their families at home.*

## Background

Lisa Matthews is a childminder from Llanelli. She works independently and cares for up to 10 children, using a dedicated conservatory space for play and learning.

## What are they doing differently?

Lisa wanted to strengthen children's early bilingual skills and build confidence using simple Welsh. In response she's introduced a weekly routine that links learning in her setting with learning at home.

- Each child takes home a book and one simple Welsh word to share with their family
- Parents read the book with their child and practise the word together in a natural, playful way
- Children revisit the words during the week and use them in songs, stories, and conversations
- Families repeat the Welsh words at home, strengthening the link between the setting and family life

Building a varied book collection took time and investment, but it now supports children of different ages and stages and keeps the weekly activity fresh and exciting.