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Wordworks doesn't bring anything drastic but it emphasizes what you are doing. It confirms that what, as a practitioner, you do with children on a daily basis and what children do when they are in

What motivates me to stay involved is because I saw a difference from how I used to do things before the Wordworks Every Word Counts Programme. Now I have knowledge. For example, I don't throw boxes away because they are good if am talking about prints and making books for the selected theme. It became very easy to teach children.

I have learned:

- To talk about print and ask children questions about what they did during the weekend and what they did that they liked. I discovered that while we talking about their personal lives we bond and develop a relationship between me and them.
- To talk about yesterday, today and the future. I never thought it important to let children know about what comes next, but I saw that it brings them joy and excitement.
- That talking about prints makes children identify the alphabet and it stays in their minds and it builds their brains.
- That reading to a child made me realise the importance of books and that it builds children's imaginations.

