## About the Project

East Neuk Kids is a well-established local charity providing out of school care for children aged 4 to 12. We employ three members of staff, all of whom are qualified childcare practitioners and are committed to children's well-being and development. Our base at Anstruther Bowling Club provides great indoor space for inventive and creative play while the nearby Bankie Park has endless potential for outdoor exploration and exercise. After a busy day at school, or over the holidays, we give children a safe and happy place to unwind and play whilst enabling their parents and carers to work.

## **Project Aims**

East Neuk Kids helps to support people living in a rural area by providing employment and accredited training for our staff. Our service also enables many other people to work or study, supporting them to begin, maintain or progress their careers. In a rural area, finding relevant, suitable employment is not always easy and we give parents/carers the flexibility to take up the opportunities on offer. We keep our childcare costs as low as we can to enable the maximum range of people to use our service without losing out financially.

We support people to participate in their community by creating a supportive environment and partnering with other organisations to provide activities for the children such as outings and trips during school holidays. We focus on health, well-being and participation, have strong relationships with local schools and follow the Curriculum for Excellence in encouraging citizenship and involvement with local activities.

## **Project Needs**

As we move into autumn, there is a need to invest in new resources of indoor play and to refurbish our storage shed to protect our outdoor equipment. We are looking for £1,200 to invest in the Club, towards these and other running costs. This will enable us to develop our service whilst keeping our fees at current levels and avoid passing rising costs on to our users.

Project budget: £1,200