



# Powerstown Educate Together National School

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## Lego League Discover – Action Plan

### Overview of Class

Class of 25 Junior Infant children in a Dublin school. Class is made up of over 10 different nationalities with over 9 different home languages. The children learn through a thematic approach with a new topic each month. This topic is then used to cover all subjects including languages (Gaeilge + English), STEM areas and the Arts. A class blog is updated and this project will be shared with the parents via this blog and, at times, also shared with the full school community on our school's website and social media. Our school currently has no Covid19 restrictions. We would hope to be able to invite parents in at the end of the programme to view some of final pieces of work the children have made.

### Timeline

The current plan for the timeline is to commence the project in January and run for 10 weeks. Our theme for January is Space so we felt like the Lego would really work well. The theme for February is People Who Help Us. This theme covers things like the Gardaí, fire fighters and doctors so again, we felt like this theme would be great for integrating with Lego. This particular term works well as there is 12 weeks in total which means we have 2 additional weeks to allow for any delays etc.

### Budget

Our plans for the budget are fully focused on buying the Lego as we do not currently have Lego in the Junior Infant classrooms. We will also use some of the budget to purchase proper storage for the items so they can be stored safely with a focus on long term care. We hope to be able to buy enough Lego for all of the class to be able to work at the same time so it can be used for whole-class work and not just small group work – Designing a rocket ship that they have drawn out and planned already etc.

### Benefits

We have found that after covid, our younger students find imaginative play very challenging. They have missed out on a lot of pre-school and creche and we have observed that this has had an impact on their imagination, play skills and social skills. We feel like this project will be a huge benefit to our pupils as it will encourage imagination, help us work in pairs/groups and also fine motor skills development! We also place a huge importance on language learning as so many of our families are EAL. We hope that this project will enable us to help develop the children's vocabulary through play linked to our monthly themes.