



Weekly Update



Weekly update 2th – 6th February



This week Jo our persona doll visited. She was very worried as some children at her nursery had looked under the door at her while she was on the toilet. She did not like it but was unsure what to do and asked the children for advice. They were able to use the knowledge they have developed on keeping themselves safe to give Jo some strategies to use herself. Presenting an issue to the children like this helps them explore their own experiences in a very safe way whilst also developing a sense of empathy which is an important life skill.

It was wonderful to see lots of the children using the skills they have developed from all our work on our Build Goal in a creative way by building ball run structures in the garden. They worked together to share ideas, test safety and challenge themselves. They showed real resilience as their structures needed a lot of refining to make them robust enough to use more than once. We were all impressed with how well they supported each other with words of encouragement and advice when needed. They showed a real sense of pride in their work which was wonderful to see.

There were also lots of exciting opportunities for mark making when we were given some large cardboard boxes. The children enjoyed climbing inside the boxes and writing messages for their friends. They also enjoyed mixing paints to decorate them with rollers and large brushes. Providing children with opportunities to lie on their backs and tummy, stand and draw on vertical surfaces can give more stability and build fine motor and core strength, as well as coordination. For some it is also more enticing than a sheet of paper or a book. All of these are important factors in helping children develop the skills and love of writing.

Focus Words:
Create
Belong
Proud
Portrait
Rhyming string

Next week 9th - 13th February

This week we were due to talk about ourselves, encouraging the children to look closely at their own features and then attempt to draw portraits. Explicitly teaching about our similarities and differences helps create an understanding and acceptance of others which is vital in the world our children are growing up in. However due to the high number of children who have been off due to illness we have moved it to next week.

At home...

Provide lots of opportunities for your child to make marks while in different positions - for example sticking paper to the underside of a table and getting them to lie on their back or sticking paper to a wall or door to provide opportunities to make marks while standing up. Writing on a shower door or steamed up window is also a fun way to engage children.

Work with your children to build an obstacle course in your front room. Encourage them to think about how they can get from one point to another without touching the ground.

