

All About Me!

What a lovely first full week we have had in Flying Start! Our All About Me! theme has given us lots of opportunities to explore what makes each of us special, with a focus on our bodies, names, homes and senses.

We have also welcomed some new children this week and have been so impressed by the kindness our children have shown. They have helped new friends settle in, included them in their play and shown such lovely care towards one another.

There was lots of excitement as we welcomed back Jitterbugs and Little All Sports! The children loved getting involved again, using their bodies to move, dance, balance and develop their coordination, while building confidence and, most importantly, having lots of fun!

Throughout the week, the children have explored their bodies and faces through Mr Potato Head, self-portraits, shape faces, songs and movement. We have talked about our names, counted our fingers, explored different sounds and found lots of playful ways to strengthen our hands and fingers.

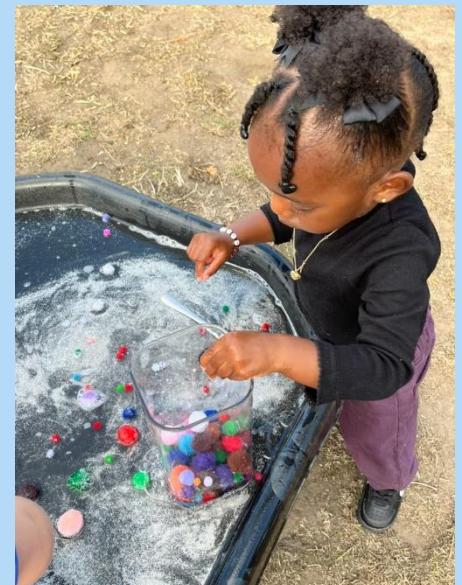


Outside Learning

We also got creative with clay in the garden, thinking about our favourite animals and making our very own clay creatures. The children practised rolling and shaping the clay into balls, before carefully adding tiny sticks and feathers and using pencils to make eyes and other details. We had a wonderful collection of birds, dogs and even snakes! Working with the clay was a fantastic sensory experience as well as a great way to strengthen little hands and develop fine-motor control.

We revisited the homes we made for our animals, talking about different homes and what animals might need to feel safe and comfortable. We also made our own feather shakers, choosing and naming different colours while developing fine-motor skills as we filled, held and decorated them. We then used our senses to listen carefully to the sounds they made, discovering how moving them in different ways could change the sound.

It has been a busy week full of talking, listening, moving, creating and discovering, all while celebrating ourselves!



Special Grown-Ups Always Come Back

As we settle back into preschool life, we have been talking with the children about how their special grown-up always comes back for them. Starting preschool can bring big feelings, and even children who have been with us for a while may feel a little wobbly after the summer break. We are helping children feel safe and secure by talking about what will happen during their day and reminding them that their grown-up will return.

At home, short, positive and predictable goodbyes can really help. Remind your child who will collect them, reassure them that you will be back, and keep the goodbye routine consistent.

We love having photos of home and the people who are special to our children at nursery. If you'd like to send in a new photo of your family or home – or update one we may already have – please do! Having these familiar photos nearby can be a lovely source of comfort and a great starting point for conversations.

Value of the Month – Friendship

Our Value of the Month is Friendship. We will be helping the children explore what it means to be a good friend through their everyday play – being kind, sharing, taking turns, helping one another and making sure everyone feels included. We have already seen some wonderful examples of friendship, particularly as our children have helped new friends feel happy and welcome at Flying Start.



Reminders

Autumn Term (13 Weeks)

Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October: **Half term is two weeks this year!**

Monday 2nd November – Thursday 17th December

Please Name Everything

As always, please remember to name anything that comes into the preschool. We want to spend our time focused on your wonderful children, not searching for missing items! We so appreciate your help in keeping your child's belongings safe and sound.