



Starfish Daily Stories



New Puzzles



Exploring our new animal puzzles along with learning sign language for some of the animals. The new puzzles included an elephant, lion, dog and crocodile. We were all so excited to see the new toys and Miss Korissa and Miss Jayah helped to put them together. Puzzles help to develop problem solving skills, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.



Sensory Box



Our sensory box had straw, egg carton bits, lids. Feathers and lots more which helped us to explore our senses today. The children spent lots of time exploring each object in the box with their hands. When playing with the box the child stimulates all her senses and connects with the environment that surrounds her.



Children can touch different textures, discover different colours, sizes, smells.

It is very positive in these times of screens and technology to have games that bring us closer to nature, to the creative, to connect with our body and play through it.

This also helps them to connect with their different bodily sensations, to be aware of their body and what they are feeling. By being more aware of what they experience in their body, they are providing tools to the child self-regulation, greater control of their emotions and behaviour.



Story of the Day



Today the story of the day was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. This book is a very popular book and was also popular with our babies. Harlow, Maddie, Arden and Norah all seemed to enjoy the story and were looking at the pictures as we read along. Arden even helped to turn the pages. Hearing words read aloud helps babies' blossoming language skills really start to bloom. Reading introduces them to a greater number of words and more complex language than they might otherwise hear in day-to-day conversation.



Lunch

Lunch was so much fun today! Miss Julie made some fettuccini pasta and all of the children got very messy while eating. It was in their hair, feet, you name it. We even had to change their clothes as they did such a good job. Why not make lunch a sensory activity? We love lunch time in the babies room and we are so lucky to have such an amazing cook who brings us yummy food every day.



Arden has developed an interest for babies and taking care of them. She is also great at taking toys over to other children.



Maddie and Harlow are getting so good at pulling themselves up onto shelves and on the obstacle course! Everyday they are developing their gross motor skills more and more. Well done girls!!

Individual Activities



Nora really seemed to enjoy the new puzzles today. She is getting more and more comfortable in our babies room. Well done Norah!



Analysis of learning



LO 1 – Children have a strong sense of identity

LO 1.1 – Children feel safe secure and supported

LO 1.2 – Children develop their emerging autonomy, interdependence, resilience & sense of agency

LO 3 – Children have a sense of well-being

LO 3.2 – Children take increasing responsibility for their own health & physical well-being

LO 4 – Children are confident and involved learners

LO 4.1 – Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination & investigation

LO 4.2 – Children develop a range of skills and process such as problem solving, enquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching & investigating

Reflection of the day

Today has been lots of fun in the Starfish room. The children seemed to love the new puzzles, playing them quite a lot. Norah did so well with the fettucini at lunch today and all of the children liked the food.