Play & Learning Newsletter

12th – 17th September 2022

Our first full week has been spent catching up with our old crew and welcoming new members and their families to our pre-school family. It has been lovely to meet you all and get to know your little ones and they have all made amazing starts into their pre-school journeys, whether it be settling with ease on first days, confidence at play and stay sessions or willingness to engage with a person who is new to them at their home visit – all big steps for little people!

Our ‘old’ children who were with us last year are adjusting to life without the old Flying Fish which has been quite a change for them as there were many firm friendships among the two groups. They have been so welcoming to the new crew members and have helped them learn where things are and how you do certain things (like use the water butt tap!). They have been very interested in learning their names and noticing things like the wellies they wear or the bag they have (important when you are little!).

The staff have spent lots of time with their key children, getting to know them, what they like and the things that make them giggle. This relationship is a really important one for your child as they begin to know who their ‘special person’ at pre-school is. However, all the staff ensure that we get to know ALL of the children really well so that there is always someone there to support, encourage and make them feel ‘at home’ and part of the crew whether their keyperson is in that day or not.

There has been lots of lovely water play all week long – both given by nature (what a lot of rain!) and found in the water butt (with a tap that has proved very tricky but great for encouraging preserving). The children have been practising putting on wet weather suits and wellies (great for developing organisation skills and independence) plus developing their observational skills whilst snail hunting. I think we can safely say that this year’s pre-school crew LOVE a snail! 😊

Ideas to support your child at home:

Drop the name of your child’s key person (or people) into conversation and if your child does anything at the weekend/in the week encourage them to tell their keyperson what they did. Some children will be very aware of who their ‘special person’ is and others may have completely forgotten or just not be bothered at all about it. All completely normal! 😊

\*\*Next week we are focusing on talking about our families and things we like to do at home with them. It would be great if you could send us a photo of your child’s family to the preschool mobile phone (via What’s app) so we can print it off and use it to encourage talk about family members with the other children and pre-school members.\*\*