STRONG CLOSE

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First Week Back



It was lovely to be back at nursery after the summer holidays and amazing to see how much some of the children had changed and grown. It wasn't just in appearance either, many seemed so much more confident and chatty, with lots more words and stories to share. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and to work with children who had moved up into the older rooms



As it was our first day back and a chance for everyone to settle in, I worked around some of the activities already set up and followed the children's interests.

We began in the indoor sand, where M, I, J and M enjoyed making cups of tea and drawing patterns in the purple sand with their fingers.









Outside, the big coloured chalks were very popular. A became completely absorbed in a wonderfully intricate drawing which began as a house. "The teachers go in here and then children go in here," she explained. As she added blue lines she carefully counted them, showing how confidently she now knows her numbers up to ten. She chatted about her 5 month old baby brother Y as she worked, and before long she announced, "I've changed it into a boat!"



I wrote A name in chalk and she cleverly copied it backwards, joining her A onto mine. We drew ladybirds and a hedgehog together, before making lots of colourful lily pads to hop between. Paisley soon joined us, carefully colouring them in too. We even found a grasshopper to join in with our hopping!



Back inside, M, J, I and M enjoyed drawing on the whiteboard – although sometimes I think rubbing the pictures out is every bit as exciting as drawing them! We also made lots of marks on the writing wall. The children were so confident and enthusiastic that I think we may have plenty of budding artists this year.
In the home corner, A was playing with the wooden eggs. When I asked, “Where do you think eggs come from?” she immediately replied, “Dinosaurs!” Spotting a pinecone, she then announced, “Look, it’s a hedgehog.” She put a little doll to bed and creatively found objects to become a chair, shower and lamp for its room – a lovely glimpse of her imagination at work.
The children also explored paint at the easel, mixing colours with brushes and their hands. A, as always, loved diving straight into the paint, Z and A enjoyed creating pictures for mummy and daddy













Outside we did some water painting, E was very experimental pouring water between different containers, while J had great fun painting the ground and creating fish and sharks in the sea. Later we chalked over some of the marks, M made a lovely rainbow for her mummy. A remembering doing this last term asked me to draw round her on the floor, she enjoyed drawing her face in the body shape after
Tidying up also became part of the fun, as everyone enthusiastically joined in with brushes and water scrubbing away chalk marks from the floor








A gentle but very busy first day back, full of conversation, imagination, experimenting and creativity, a lovely start to our new term 👩🏾‍🎨