

Fun 4U Club News Sheet

Welcome to our first news sheet of 2022!

Not a pick of snow to be found we are so disappointed maybe it will arrive soon!

With the children being outside most of the session PLEASE remember to send hats and scarves for them, we do have a few spare ones but sometimes we don't have enough to go around. The importance of outdoor play at this time of year is significant. Children not only need the physical activity, but fresh air and experiencing the differing aspects of the light and warmth. Experiencing nature and its properties, how it can affect our play and reactions is so important and also so much fun which is the best reason of all.



During January we were looking at the local birds and making feeders for them. Watching out for different types and trying to identify them by ourselves.

We have introduced a large wooden train set for the room and it has thankfully proven a great success with everyone. The children have incorporated other loose parts with it to make model towns and villages.



January has passed us by with great ease this year and we have enjoyed almost every day outside due to the kind weather. I think in total we only had two days inside!

Watch out on our Face Book page for the photos of what we are doing and how the children are exploring their surroundings.

Staff News

Sarah has had a beautiful baby boy, he is called Harry. We wish him every health and happiness as a new member of the Sergeant household. We hope to have a visit from them in the near future and will keep you all updated.

Rebecca has settled in really well as our new leader as I'm sure you would all agree. The children have taken to her as if she had been here for years and all the staff have jelled well together.

All of the staff are continuing to add to their training and professional development, ensuring the children are receiving the most up to date service as possible.

Amy has reached her last month of waiting for her wedding day as like many brides she has had to reschedule due to Covid 19. She will become Mrs Verner on 3rd March and we wish her and Neil a very happy, healthy married life together.



Exploratory Play

What do the children gain from this type of play?

Emotional Satisfaction- helping to build confidence in themselves, their abilities, their surroundings and their own self-belief. This in turn can help the children to heal any small doubts they have about themselves and their abilities, teaching self-regulation of emotions.

Access to information- learning through their own exploration the malleable properties of resources and there uses. From each other they learn to discuss and problem solve gaining the ability to do for later life. Asking adults questions through play in a relaxed fun environment forges the belief that to ask questions is a good thing and doing so is positive and rewarding.

What does it look like?

Exploratory play is physically exploring the environment, digging the earth making rivers climbing or exploring into the shrubbery that little bit further each time. Learning when to stop is also very important and is done within our play environment. Children must also learn how to cope with slips; trips and falls; which when experienced through play are not as shocking to the child. We always encourage the children to look at the situation and how to assess and deal with those experiences, this is all a learning process with adults on hand at all times to guide support and listen.

What Skills do the children develop?

Thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, assessing risk, readiness to encounter new experiences creativity, private speech and self-regulation.



HALF TERM BREAK

FEBRUARY 2022

BOTH FUN 4U CLUBS are open for short day 8.15am-3pm and full day bookings 8.15am-6pm. Weather permitting lots of outdoor fun and games.

If you child is attending **please** send warm clothes and two pairs of socks to keep their feet warm outside.