



## January Newsletter

We are delighted to send out our first monthly newsletter of 2023! We hope everyone had a lovely winter break. We have settled back into our routines now and welcomed all the children back from their Christmas holidays. We are loving getting to know new children as well, and we cannot wait to share with you the fun we have been having and what the children have been learning!

### Rainbow Room

This month in the ASD class we have been talking about different animals that live on the farm and under the sea. We have been promoting the children's physical development, through movement, action songs and music. The children had the opportunity to explore sensory boxes containing many different items and textures, for example rice, tissue paper with sea animals, water play with glitter, and many more. We also made a farm play area for the children to explore and use their imagination.



We also marked a special occasion. We had so much fun celebrating Thomas' birthday!



### Wobbler Room

During the month of January, we had a lot of fun playing games, especially painting with shapes and sensory play with pasta and fake snow (flour and cooking oil). We made a mess with the snow but it was a lot of fun and fantastic for building muscles in little hands!



## ~Toddler Room~

We have had a busy month in the Toddler room! We recycled leftover wrapping paper from Christmas for art! It was so inspiring to see what the children made using materials that were going to be thrown away. We ripped and glued the wrapping paper to cardstock. The prints on the wrapping paper prompted the children to share their holiday experiences with each other! They also loved crumpling it up, dipping it in paint and making marks on paper.

We also give the children the time and space they need to play. We often provide materials as invitations to play and explore, and allow for 'free play' as well as 'guided play', where we interact and create warm, supportive relationships. The children showed a particular interest in our 'multi-link cubes' this month, so while many enjoyed 'free building' with the cubes using their imagination, we also provided them with 'pattern snakes', an engaging tool to teach the children how to make two-part patterns- an early mathematical concept. They were so proud of their snakes- what fun!



## ~ECCE Room~

During the month of January, we learned about winter birds, and our five senses! We especially loved tasting different foods and discussing the flavours. Our teacher, Agata, made a beautiful 'sense of touch' board and we enjoyed learning words to describe textures and surfaces.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year by making different arts and crafts, as well as tasting some tasty Chinese treats!

