

# Toddler News

September 2023

## What we've covered.

Hello september! We look forward to warmer days filled with laughter and fun. We are amazed by how quickly our toddlers have settled into the classroom and we would like to thank you for trusting the process and working with us during the settling period. This August we covered the ALL ABOUT ME theme where we explored who we are, identifying and naming our body parts as well as beginning to name and explore our feelings.

## Important dates

\*Friday 15th and 29th September class pick up.

\*Thursday 20th September : Parents evening

\*Yoga Month

## Birthdays

Kofi : 1 September

Ms Susan : 28th September

MS Mel : 20th September

## coming up this month.

This month we will explore UNDER THE SEA as our theme, focusing on identifying the difference between land and water, explore what can be found under the sea and we will end the month by investigating all the fun facts about sharks during shark week. For our toddlers to gain the most from this theme we will extend the theme to all areas of the classroom. such as pouring water and sand, exploring shells, studying life cycles of fish and other sea creatures.

Please check the class whats app group for updates with regards to the parent night and weekly theme updates.

## Quote of the month.

“At this age (between one and a half and two and a half years ) children have a need to develop independence. “

Maria Montessori.



Sorting activities are always a favourite in our class, not only are the children learning to categorise by colour (left) and sizing (right) and develop early literacy and numeracy skills.



Knobbed cylinders are found in our sensorial area. This material primarily engages the sense of sight and touch. There are four variations of the knobbed cylinders allowing children to challenge different perceptions of mathematical concepts such as weight, and size. The children hold each knob using the pincer grip.



Our practical life areas are an introduction to activities found in and around the house. Activities such as pouring, spooning, transferring and slotting (left to right) All these activities help with refinement of fine motor skills as well as encourage the development of concentration.



As toddlers absorb information throughout the day, using activities such as the sensory exploration basket (left) and the sound blocks (right) ensures the children are practicing on using their senses as well as refining them by isolating different senses.

Concentration skills are vital for current and future learning. Using activities such as open and closing (top left.) Slotting (right) Number peg boards bottom left.) Are all perfect ways for children to continue to strengthen their concentration skills.





Picture 1

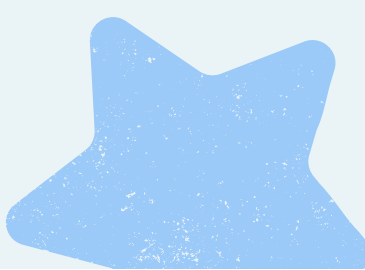


Picture 2



Picture 3

Before a child writes they need to strengthen their hand, this can be done by continuous use of the hand and by repeating activities such as spooning, playdough rolling, squeezing, picking up objects and cutting. (See picture 1) Activities such as tonging, turning of knobs and opening and closing of zips are a great way to develop pincer grip. (see picture 2). Exploring activities such as sponging, whisking, the land and water globe, colouring as well as the colour tablets (see picture 3) are extra ways to further develop a child's whole arm movement, and concentration skills.





Our culture area is the perfect way for a child to begin to better understand the world around us by the use of activities such as naming of an octopus life cycle (pictured left) and gravity pictured right.



identifying shapes is a perfect way for children to begin identifying and organise visual information, which is a vital component for their cognitive development and it will establish a strong foundation for later learning in other areas such as reading , math and science.



Looking through books and listening to stories helps toddlers learn about speech sounds, words and language. As well as stimulating the imagination and develops social skills.



The most important part of having vertical age grouping is not only for an individual's intellectual development but also social development. Activities such as sensory bins, visiting the bunnies, using the pretend kitchen as well as having a meal together are perfect ways for a child to learn new vocabulary as well as learn life skills like problem solving.



Toddlers love to run, jump , balance, kick and catch balls. During our P.E lessons, they are able to continue to refine their gross motor skills. The development or movement skills influence cognitive skills as well such as memory, attention and thinking skills. Throwing a ball, (left ) balancing on the beam (right)