



# Toddler Room News - July

The toddler room would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new children who have joined us this month. We are looking forward to getting to know both Sophie and Jacob who have joined us from the infant room. We also would like to wish Liv and Jasper well as they have moved across to the Kindergarten room. We are sad to see that Nat will go on her Maternity leave at the end of the month. We wish her well with her exciting journey into motherhood. I know she will be greatly missed by all children, staff and parents along with the wider community of Zigzagzoo.

This month the children have been busy continuing on with their interest in construction. Magnet play is still very popular and the



children are extending their knowledge of cause and effect as they work out what surfaces a magnet can be stuck to. For example they have worked out that the chair legs make excellent places to construct their works of art.



Play Dough is another great medium in which the children continue to explore and construct using their prior knowledge to enhance play. We have observed many experiences of the children sharing their thoughts and ideas with each other, turn taking examples and of course development of their manipulative skills. The children are also having a great time exploring the many different ways to use paint with a wide variety of tools such as the corks.

Outdoors we continue to explore and enhance our gross motor skills through many varied experiences on offer. Such as working out different ways to balance on the planks. Lucas demonstrates going across by first walking and then getting faster and faster! Dancing has been another popular experience outside as everyone gets ready to groove down to the music.



As a gentle reminder we would like to take this opportunity to ask that children's clothing be named so we are able to return it to the correct bags.

As the weather is unpredictable these days we also encourage parents to provide a couple of changes of clothing in their child's bag in case they get muddy and wet outside. Many thanks. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Tonia who has been with us part time this month. From the End of July Tonia joins our teaching team full time. I know she is very excited to spend time with the children getting to know them along with their families.

Many thanks and we look forward to sharing more news from the toddler room next month. Maddie, Nat, Lean, Holly, Amy, Leanne and Tonia.