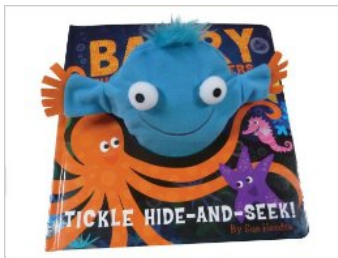


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Dear Parents

At Little EIFA we use the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum as a framework. One of the keystones of this approach is learning through play. We use the children's play and interests as a platform for learning. As well as planning activities for the children, we also act spontaneously to follow their interest and imagination. For instance, to support an interest we observed in dinosaurs, we made a sandscape in the room with them this week. We have been talking about the characteristics of the different beasts; pouring and filling containers; sharing the items and mark making with the sand. An interest in cars has been extended to add a ramp for the cars. For this we have had to take turns and have counted down for our turn from five. The children have also been fascinated where the cars will end up after going down the ramp. It provides unpredictable results for them.



Barry the fish with fingers continues to help us. We sourced another book, this time with a puppet. He is providing a character for the children to count along with as Barry plays hide and seek with his friends. The children are hearing the number names in a context they enjoy
Well done Barry!

A walkway is providing a great physical challenge for body control and balance. The narrow walkway has a textured surface that you can feel underfoot. It can be made into different configurations. The adults have been helping the children with support with two hands and sometimes, just one. We are looking forward to seeing the children gain in confidence and skill over time

We have revisited the theme on fruit and vegetables, using the theme to support singing, practising both languages, for listening skills, talking about colours and whether we like them or not. We anticipate that there will be more to come. Although we plan as a team, we have to be on the look out for anything we can use to deliver learning in the key skills for this development age group. Who knows what this will be next?



Reminders

Reviews: Please let us know of suitable times for your diary next week.