

February 2017 Refection

We have been spending quite a bit of time outside enjoying the lovely wether while it last. Gardening is becoming popular with the children and have helped us to with some weeding and we received some new plants which the children couldn't wait to get their hands dirty and help with some planting. Every day they go and get there little watering cans and help us to water our plants. The children were also involved with helping us to plant some potatoes. Through this process the children are able to be involved and watch the potatoes grow and will be able to eat them when they are ready. This activity also gives the children a sense of belonging to a community as they need to work together. As children show increasing awareness of being a part of their environment it provides important learning experiences. It's also nice to see the children follow through with an activity giving them a sense of achievement.

The children have also enjoyed art and craft experience as we are still introducing this our aim by the end of the year is to be able to leave it out all the time. Some children will be "creating" pieces of work every day while others may occasionally go to these areas. During the year we will collect pieces of your child's work and place it in their portfolio, over the course of the year you will see their creative development unfold. Early in the year your child may use part of the paper when painting, as they continue to explore painting they will start to make longer lines and more definitive shapes, they will use more colours and keep these colours separate. Their drawings will also evolve with images becoming more recognisable and life like. Your child's pasting will develop as their imagination grows and they explore paste, sticky tape and a whole range of craft materials both purchased and recycled.

Links to the National Quality Standards: Quality area 1 educational program and practice and TRCC Philosophy

