

Newsletter



Hello!

Hello to all our families and prospective families! Welcome to our second monthly newsletter is to share some updates, news and ideas to support learning. Thanks, Kate

Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are the coordination of small muscles in movements involving the hands, wrists, fingers, feet and face. They are essential for precision, dexterity and hand-eye coordination. These skills are foundational for everyday activities like writing, using cutlery, dressing and tying shoelaces. Some great ways to strengthen these are:

- **Playdough:** Rolling, pinching and kneading playdough, clay or slime builds essential hand strength and acts as a great 'finger gym'.
- **Stickers and gems:** Peeling and placing stickers or gems on paper requires precise finger movements. Diamond Art or Hama Beads are also great for this.
- **Using scissors:** Cutting out patterns, shapes and different materials such as paper, card, foam or ribbon for crafting.
- **Threading & Lacing:** Use a shoelace or pipe cleaner to string large beads, dry pasta or cereal.
- **Hole Punching:** Using a handheld paper puncher to punch holes in scrap paper or old greeting cards.



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Money Money Money!



All the children love playing shops and cafes, which has led to lots of opportunities for learning about money, coins, totals, sale prices and calculating change! There are less opportunities for children to see coins and notes and understand their value these days- but we'd encourage any opportunities to try out their skills in real life where possible!

Scarecrows

We had a wonderful first Northowram Scarecrow Weekend! Supertato had so many visitors, we couldn't keep up with refilling his treat bucket! We also had lots of new visitors to our nest which was lovely. We chosen the rainiest day to walk the trail, but still enjoyed ourselves!



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