



## Room One

### Head Teacher – Steph

What a busy time we've had, filled with love, learning and discoveries! Our Room One children are always on the go, making the most of every minute and embracing all that comes their way.

The children have continued to really enjoy engaging with a range of heuristic and loose-parts play items. We have also included smaller resources such as little colour bottles, matchbox cars, mini sound shakers, and an abundance of play fruits and spoons. The children are most definitely about quantity and collecting a bunch of items in their hands or in a container.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Matariki and making soup together. The children were very excited to peel and chop veggies, using the knife sure was a favourite! Of course, they were safe and supported the whole time. We then came together to enjoy the product of our labour and the majority of the children loved it.

As adults, we are social beings and relish in the company of others – having a group of friends. However, for younger children this is a process – one that builds over years. For most under-2's, they are not at a stage to desire or understand friendship. They are content with their own company, making their own discoveries and making sense of the world they live in.

This isn't to say they don't enjoy interactions with others. It just means they are often not at the developmental stage for continued friendship. Under-2's are all about themselves and are often not yet at the stage to completely factor in others. Enjoying independent play is incredible and supports children to become confident and believe in themselves. Friends, and the capacity to maintain friendships, will develop naturally as they get older.

If you ever want to chat please let me know

Take care

*Steph x*

