

If your child hasn't shown you already, then please ask them to take you to where their folder is kept and encourage them to show it to you. You will find that they are very proud of their achievements.

If your keyworker hasn't done so already, they will be booking a time to see you soon and talk about how well your child is doing. They will also show you your child's R.O.A.

The children can take their folder home anytime to show, talk about and share with you and other interested people.

The children may choose to put things in from home - fantastic!

Don't forget to ask why they think it is an achievement, and if they would like you to write down what they say.

They may like comments written in the language you speak at home if it is not English that you use with your child. Children are very proud of speaking and writing in more than one language.

Please encourage them to bring their folder back!

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Your child may already be pleased to share with you their Record of Achievement which they have started compiling together with their Keyworker.

The R.O.A. is a folder where children are able to collect photographs of themselves as learners which they have talked about together with their keyworker.

The keyworker will be asking questions such as:

I wonder how you learnt to do that?

Who helped you learn to do that so well?

What helped you to learn about that?

This type of question helps the children begin to think about their learning and what and/or who can best help them in their learning.

This type of thinking then helps them into further learning and finding the things they need to help them learn for themselves.

In this way we are teaching the children to be good thinkers for themselves and not rely on others to think for them.

You will hear keyworkers asking children "What do you think?"

The ability to think about things and 'reason' is very important.

The children are encouraged to ask for photos to be taken of anything which they are proud of as an achievement and that they think is important.

Keyworkers will be asking children their reasons why they would like certain things included and write these down together with the children.

This helps develop their thinking skills about what they like doing and why and what they find difficult and what help they need.

Their achievement might be something they find really difficult, but through encouragement have managed for the first time and are feeling very happy that they have tried so hard. It sometimes might seem small to us, but it can be an enormous learning leap for them.

Doing your coat zip up takes a lot of trying and trying until you can do it!

We hope the children can then tell us what helped them learn by thinking through what they needed.

(Did you know that the skills children need to do their coat up are similar to those they need for writing?)

As one child said this week, " I tried yesterday and I tried today and tomorrow I think I can".

We can see that it's time to practice and patience that's needed to help this child learn.

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