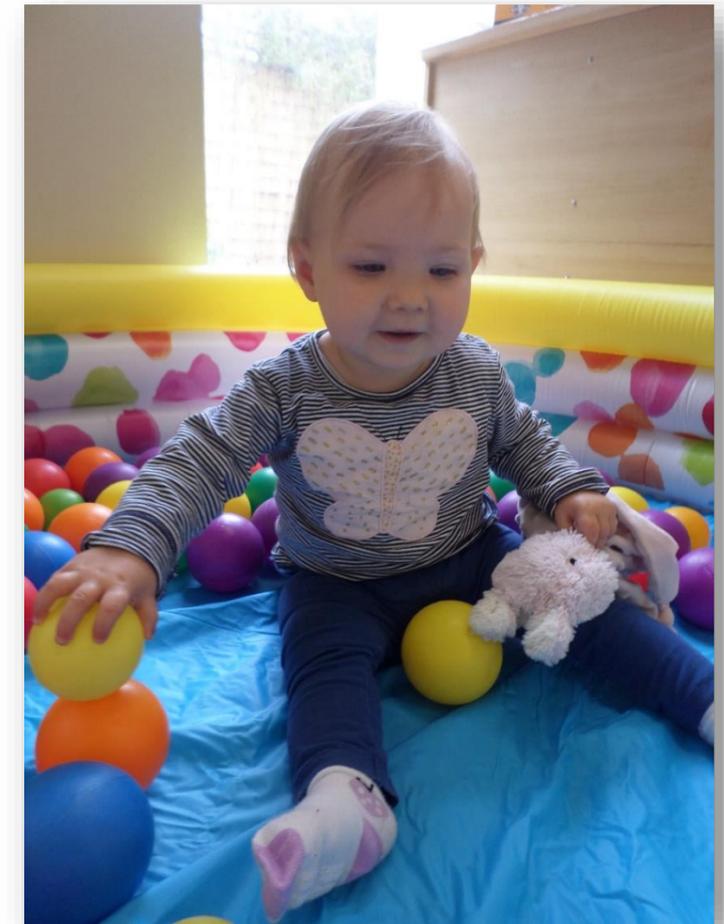


# February Reflection 2 Joey Room 2020.



Over the month the Joey children have been busy in the room perfecting their gross motor skills. We have seen some of the younger children like Abby who are not mobile are learning to roll and spend more time on their stomach to increase the muscle control in their body. Some of the older children are learning to sit for longer periods of time without losing balance, are now able to turn around in a circle to move the direction they are positioned in. We have seen Toby starting to crawl in the room as well as Bjorn showing signs he is not far from starting to move in a crawling position. While we have children, who are pulling themselves up to a standing position we also have them side stepping around furniture with a couple of children wanting to take a first step but haven't quite shown enough confidence. We also have a couple of children in the room who are walking around.

In the middle of the month we introduced a ball pool in the room. With the ball pool we can encourage the children who are mobile and can crawl or walk to climb into the pool to sit, crawl, roll and stand, while they play and feel the balls. While the younger children who are able to sit but are not moving, we will carry the children into the pool and sit them near the edge of the pool in a secure position. The younger children who are not mobile enjoy being in the pool and you can see when they smile or start to move their feet to kick at the balls that they are having fun. Being in the ball pool allows the children time to relax, have fun as well as encourage skills and further develop gross, fine, cognitive and social skills. Sometimes when one child is in the ball pool another child will follow and will sit next to one another or smile at each other. We are having lots of fun in this area and some of the educators themselves would like to jump in and interact with the children.

Through the month of February, we welcomed some new children to the room. Lewis, Abby, as well as Sophie, Bjorn and all their families we hope you enjoy your year in the Joey room as well as all the children and families.

Overall the children are settling in well into the room and are forming bonds with their educators and getting to know other familiar faces in the centre.

