

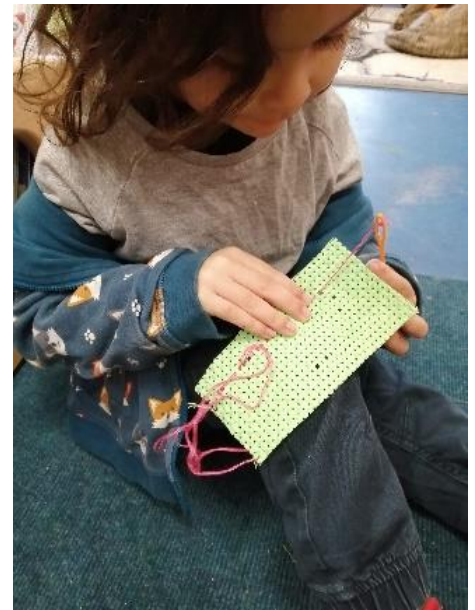


Autumn Term

During the Autumn term Felix, you showed an interest in sewing. You would need encouragement to get started but then you'd pick up the leaves to thread spontaneously when it was available.

Today you were struggling to find something to do, needing an adult to guide you to something which you then only engaged with if the adult stayed with you. I asked if you wanted to do sewing and you said you would but we didn't have time during the morning. After lunch you found me and asked me if we could 'do sewing'. I was so pleased that you asked me without needing prompting.

I wonder if you like sewing because there is usually an adult there, although you do tend to sit alongside the group quietly by yourself. Maybe you find it calming and relaxing. I really noticed how you are beginning to learn how to create stitches. I could see that you were really pleased with yourself.



Spring Term

Today Felix you spent about an hour sewing. What really impressed me was how long you persevered when things got tricky: threading the needle or cutting the thread. I noticed today that you tried the other end of the thread to go through the needle when it initially didn't work. I am encouraging you to ask for help when you get stuck. Today you asked me to tie a knot in your thread for you. I could see that you were struggling to get the needle through the holes in the fabric so found a smaller needle, that was much better! The thread you were using to start with was a bit short so we cut a longer piece. To help you use the scissors effectively I suggested you kept your thumb on the top. I have noticed you tend to swap hands when using the scissors.



It would be great to see you involve other children when you are sewing, asking them to hold the thread for you to cut, for example. You are learning that you need to keep pulling the thread until it stops so that you don't run out too quickly.

By the end of the session this morning you had managed to sew a few stitches in a line. I could see how pleased you were, smiling and showing me but also turning towards other children to show them too. You also suggested to another child that they may need a smaller needle, just like you did.

It's great to see your confidence grow and interesting to see how your face changes from when you are concentrating to the real enjoyment of achievement. I will help you find other children to play with, maybe in a turn taking game, to help you become more confident around others.

Love from Wendy