

Spring Term Learning Story for Sami



Dear Sami,

I can't believe you are now half way through your year in Willow! It has been lovely to see the progress you are making. You are very friendly and chatty and clearly enjoy the company of others, whether that be adults or children. You always notice what is going on around you and will offer comfort if you see that one of your friends is sad or upset. Sometimes you get a bit sad or grumpy yourself, particularly when you are tired, so then it is our turn to offer comfort to you!

You love to chat as you play, Sami, talking to both adults and other children. Sometimes your speech sounds are a little unclear, but you always have lots to say and you are able to make yourself understood.

You love to look at books and will often go and independently choose one from the shelf. You have enjoyed really getting to know our Core Books and you are able to talk about what you see in the pictures in great detail and remember repeated refrains.

Sami, you have good fine motor control and you have enjoyed threading and weaving and also using our tap-a-shape set. You enjoy trying out all sorts of different mark making opportunities, such as drawing and painting with different media and you love to explore sensory materials like playdough or a mixture of cornflour and water.

Out in the garden you love to ride on the little blue balance bike and you are happy to explore equipment for climbing, balancing and jumping off. At nursery you have music therapy sessions with Alison and a couple of your friends, as well as dance sessions with Alex.



You are still wearing nappies, but you are very happy to sit on the potty or toilet and often you will do a little wee or poo. You are able to wash your hands independently afterwards. Hopefully you will soon start to wear pants to nursery.

Sami, I am really looking forward to seeing all the new things you will learn over the next few months.

Love from Carina x



What adults will do to support your learning at home and at school:

- Use a 'Now and Next' board to support you to focus on an adult-directed activity, followed by a favourite activity.
- Model vocabulary related to concepts such as colour, size or position (on, behind etc.) whilst playing with you.
- Spend time sharing books with you, talking about what characters are doing in the pictures, encouraging you to use words such as 'and' and 'because' to create longer sentences.