

## Thanet Early Years Project Early Years Lead Newsletter No. 14

## Dear Parents and Carers

Exploring the world of transportation further, our recent activities encouraged the children to channel their skills in engineering through box construction. The results were amazing, with a diverse range of creations such as rockets, cars, garages, ramps, and aeroplanes taking form.





The children worked together, using their problem-solving skills and unleashing their creativity in the design process.





The joy came as they played with their finished projects, bringing their imaginative ideas to life.







It was a hands-on experience that not only sparked their interest in engineering but also fostered teamwork and innovation in a playful and educational setting.

Building on our commitment to enhancing scissor skills, the children were provided with a diverse array of materials to cut, fostering a multi-sensory learning experience. From paper and cardboard to string and tape, each material presented a unique challenge, allowing the children to refine their cutting techniques in a creative and engaging manner.





This hands-on activity not only promotes fine motor skills but also encourages experimentation and exploration as the children navigate different textures and

thicknesses. Through this experience, they are not only refining their scissor skills but also developing a sense of confidence and control.









The construction-focused activities have been instrumental in nurturing the children's creativity. Building upon this foundation, the children have taken their ingenuity to new heights by using wooden blocks and ramps to further extend their fun and learning experiences.

As they explore the possibilities of constructing with blocks and designing ramps, the children are not only refining their fine motor skills but also engaging in imaginative play that promotes problem-solving and critical thinking. This hands-on approach encourages them to experiment with structures, observe cause-and-effect relationships, and develop a deeper understanding of basic engineering.

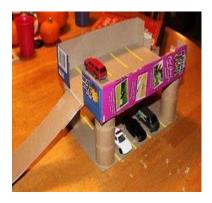






## Fun activities to do at home:

• building with children is great fun, their imagination develops and keeps them entertained for ages!







## Useful Links:

- What's On? | The Margate Caves during the half term break (10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February) there will be STEM learning and science themed craft activities.
- On Saturday mornings from 10:30am there is story time available for younger children. Storytime for 3 to 4 year olds Kent County Council



If you have any suggestions, feedback or specific activities your child particularly enjoyed and would like to see more of in the upcoming year, please don't hesitate to reach out and email:

eyfs@thanetearlyyears.org or your dedicated nursery team.

Warm Regards

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