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A morning in Baby Steps

10.30am Families arrive and explore the room to see what things are set up today. The child chooses which piece of equipment they would like to use and they sit with their parent / carer to complete their activity. The baby steps co-ordinator is on hand to offer suggestions to support the child's development, such as, protecting concentration by not interrupting a child who is deep in thought.

Throughout the morning, children can continue to select which activity they would like to do. This may be a craft activity, some gross motor climbing, exploring the items on the investigation table or developing their fine motor skills through selected Montessori materials.

The opportunity to share a book or explore the resources in the room without the rush and usual distractions of daily life is a valuable time for both the child and their parent.

Children can choose to eat their morning tea at any time throughout the morning. The children have the opportunity to increase their independence by accessing the tools they require to manage their own needs, such as a cup, plate and spoon. After they have eaten, the parent and baby steps co-ordinator will encourage them to ensure the snack table is ready for the next person to use. The child is able to wash their dishes and use a small dustpan to sweep up any crumbs.

11.45am When the bell is rung it is time for a short closing circle, giving the child a signal that it will soon be time to go home. During the closing circle the co-ordinator will lead some songs and rhymes and end with a familiar goodbye song that signifies the end of the session.

12pm A handshake and smile to say goodbye and we will look forward to seeing you again next week.