

Belonging, connection and discovery

0–15 months

Discovering Their World

So much is happening during this stage. Your child is discovering their body and their voice, becoming familiar with the people around them and beginning to learn what happens when they reach for something, make a sound, move towards something interesting or try something again.

Secure Relationships, Strong Foundations

Much of that early learning happens through relationships. Before your child feels confident enough to explore, they need to feel safe with the people caring for them. That is why we take time to learn your child's routines and cues and the little things that help them feel settled. Feeding, nappy changes and settling to sleep aren't jobs to get through before learning can happen. They give us some of the best opportunities to talk with your child, respond to them and build trust.

Growing Confidence Through Exploration

As that trust grows, their world starts to open up. There is more confidence to move away and explore, investigate something interesting and keep trying when it doesn't quite work the first time. We know what development generally looks like at this age, but we don't expect your child to follow a timetable. If they need more time, they get more time. If something isn't coming easily, we think about what might help. When they are ready for more, we build on it.

Where Learning Begins

At this stage, being a learner begins with feeling secure enough to explore and discovering that the things you do can make something happen. If you spend some time in one of our youngest learning spaces, watch the interactions as much as the environment. The little exchanges between children and adults will tell you a lot about what we value.

I belong here.

I am safe to explore.

I am already a learner.

