

Independence, communication and confidence

15 months – 2.5 years

Discovering Their Independence

This is when that wonderful determination to do things for themselves really starts to show. Your child is making more choices, finding new ways to communicate, and becoming increasingly interested in doing what the people around them are doing.

Learning Through Doing

There are plenty of opportunities at Kool Beanz to have a go, repeat something for what feels like the hundredth time and enjoy the very important achievement of finally doing it yourself. Knowing when to help and when to wait is important. Sometimes your child needs a hand or sometimes they need another word or idea. But sometimes, the best thing an educator can do is give them another few seconds to work it out.

Making Sense of Big Feelings

Growing independence can also come with frustration. Children at this age are still learning how to communicate what they need, and cope when the answer may be no, or another child has the toy they want, and the day isn't unfolding quite according to their plan.

We view behaviour as communication and take the time to understand what a child may be telling us. A child who is struggling may need help communicating, more support through a transition, a quieter space or an educator close by while a very big feeling passes. For another child, the reason may be completely different. That's why really knowing each child matters.

Building Confidence to Keep Trying

There will be mess and plenty of repetition, and you may hear a very determined version of "I do it!" We quite like that as there is a lot of capability wrapped up in those three little words. This is where children begin to discover that what they do and communicate matters, and that having a go is worthwhile even when it doesn't work the first time.



I am capable.

My communication
matters.

I can try.