

Curiosity, ideas & growing relationships

2.5 – 3.5 years

Curious Minds at Work

By this stage, there is usually plenty to talk about. Your child's interests are becoming clearer, their ideas are growing and they are beginning to make more connections with the world around them. A question that appears out of nowhere, something they notice outdoors, a game they return to day after day or an idea they simply can't let go of can become the starting point for meaningful learning. Sometimes the most valuable learning happens when children are simply given the time and space to investigate, experiment and make their own discoveries.

Learning Through Exploration

Not every moment needs to become a lesson. Children need opportunities to play with ideas, test theories, change their minds, make mistakes and try again. Through these experiences they develop confidence in their thinking and begin to understand that learning is a process, not just an outcome. Often a thoughtful question can open the door to much deeper learning than providing an answer ever could. We encourage children to think critically, share their ideas and explore different possibilities as they build their understanding of the world.

Fostering Friendships

Friendships are getting more interesting too. Having a brilliant plan is one thing. Discovering that your friend has an entirely different brilliant plan can require a whole new set of skills. Children are still learning how to explain what they need, negotiate with each other and cope with disappointment. At Kool Beanz, we know some will need more help with this than others.

Supporting Your Child

A child might find busy environments difficult, communicate in a different way or need support finding their way into a game while another might confidently lead the whole thing. We don't need those children to respond in the same way. We need to know them well enough to understand what will help each of them take part and keep growing.

Confident Thinkers

As children's worlds get bigger, we want their confidence in their own thinking to grow with them. Their ideas are worth exploring, their questions are worth asking and they can play an active part in where their learning goes next. If you're visiting Kool Beanz, ask what the children are learning. What looks like a group of children just building and digging in the sandpit can have a surprising amount of thinking going on underneath it.

I am a learner.

I have ideas.

I can think, question,
and discover.

