

# April 2024



## Our Activities

We endeavour to create a safe space for children in which we facilitate free and imaginative play, with a focus on cooperation and collaboration. Our aim is to minimize the impact of toxic stress within children on the move and to foster a sense of identity, agency and increased self-worth for the children we support.

This month, we explored:



Our activities are designed to support **key developmental outcomes** for the children we work with. Some of our favourite activities this month:

## Friendship Week!

Each child decorated their own leaves to then stick onto a collaborative tree. We danced and played super fun team building games. After writing a story on friendship and community, each child acted its character in our real life television. We had a blast!

All of these activities were great for our **communication, collaboration** and **creativity**.



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### Stone painting

Painting is always greatly appreciated by children. It's an activity which allows them to express their creativity and explore colors and its combinations. Together with this, it is a good way to learn the concept of "**sharing is caring**", while sharing brushes and paint bottles with their friends. During nature week, we had so much fun painting stones, and some amazing art pieces came out!

This was fabulous for our **fine motor skills** and our **collaboration, listening and creative skills**.



### Magic microphones

Music week was a fantastic opportunity to practice **self-expression** and **fine motor skills**. Using recycled materials, we created amazing paper plate drums, toilet rolls shakers and, to conclude, we made some beautiful microphones. To conclude each session, we engaged in an amazing jam session and had so much fun dancing and singing all together.



### Write your own story!

During our imagination week, apart from designing incredible costumes and unicorn hats, we gave kids the opportunity to write their own stories and draw them.

While the youngest kids were creating play dough characters and acting their stories on an imaginary stage, older kids designed comics. From one of them, a beautiful motivational phrase came out: "Learn to love yourself, you're pretty just the way you are". These are amazing examples of **confidence development, identity appreciation and community building**.

