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Dear Parents/Carers

We are really pleased to share some exciting news with you — With the aid of a grant from Somerset Council and some of your amazing fundraising, we have designed and created three new bespoke spaces for the children to enjoy and benefit from – the Sensation Station, the Messy Middle and the Wiggle Workshop. Altogether, known as the Happy Hut!

Sensory experiences are foundational to children's learning and development—they engage the brain, body, and emotions all at once. For nursery and infant-aged children, these experiences are especially critical because they lay the groundwork for language, coordination, emotional wellbeing, and lifelong learning.

The purpose of our Sensation Station is to provide a calm, safe, and engaging space that supports children's learning, wellbeing, and development, enabling us to meet a wider variety of SEND needs. This room is carefully designed with soft lighting, textures, sounds, and interactive resources that stimulate the senses in a positive and age-appropriate way.

Also, as part of our sensory provision, we have our Messy Middle, a space where children will have opportunities to take part in messy and tactile experiences. These activities may include exploring materials such as sand, water, paint, dough, foam, natural objects, and a variety of textures. Messy play supports children's sensory development by encouraging hands-on exploration in a relaxed and enjoyable way. It helps children develop fine motor skills, creativity, confidence, and early problem-solving, while also supporting emotional regulation and language development as they describe what they feel and experience.

In addition to these calming sensory experiences, we also have our Wiggle Workshop, a dedicated physical space with resources such as ball pits, swings, and a range of occupational

therapy-inspired equipment. These resources support the development of balance, coordination, strength, and body awareness, while also helping children to regulate their emotions and energy levels in a fun and safe way.

The sensory rooms will be used as part of our wider learning and wellbeing provision. Children will access them in small groups or individually, guided by staff, ensuring the experience is positive, purposeful, and suited to each child's needs. All activities are carefully planned, supervised by staff, and adapted to meet the needs and comfort levels of each child.



We are very excited about the opportunities these new spaces will provide and believe they will be a valuable addition to our nurturing learning environment. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher