

The Nurture News

News from around the federation Nurture groups

This week most of the children in Nurture have made origami cranes. This is part of York Minsters summer exhibition: Kibo Cranes. York Minster and local artist, Penny Phillips, have invited the children to express how they feel about last year, through making their cranes. The cranes have been really tricky, and we have had to use lots of our skills to complete these. Well done to their perseverance.

<https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/kibo-cranes/>



LANGUAGE IS UNDERSTOOD AS A VITAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

This week we take a look at principle No 4

- Language is more than a skill to be learnt, it is the way of putting feelings into words.
- Nurture group children often 'act out' their feelings as they lack the vocabulary to 'name' how they feel. In nurture groups/schools the informal opportunities for talking and sharing, e.g. welcoming the children into the group or having breakfast together are as important as the more formal lessons teaching language skills. Words are used instead of actions to express feelings and opportunities are created for extended conversations or encouraging imaginative play to understand the feelings of others.

'We use our words to talk about how we feel'

An activity to try at home with your children from 5 motivational minutes:

Who is a good friend?

One child helping another who is hurt		One child sharing their snack	
One child stealing another's mobile phone		One child fouling another in football	
Two children whispering about another		One child sharing a computer game	
One child copying her friends work		One child helping another with a game	
One child 'teaching' another to read		One child saying good morning to you	

Use the examples above to talk about friendship