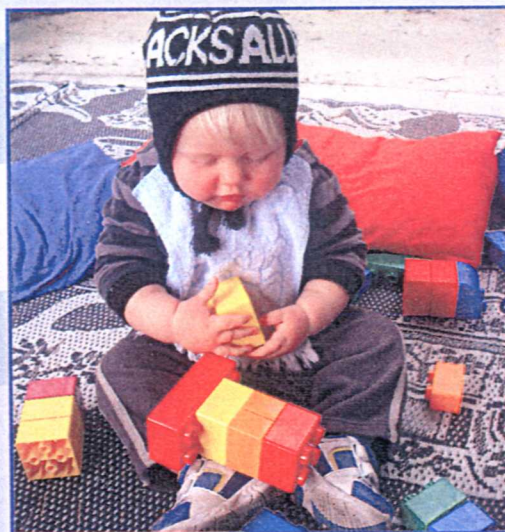


Building Blocks

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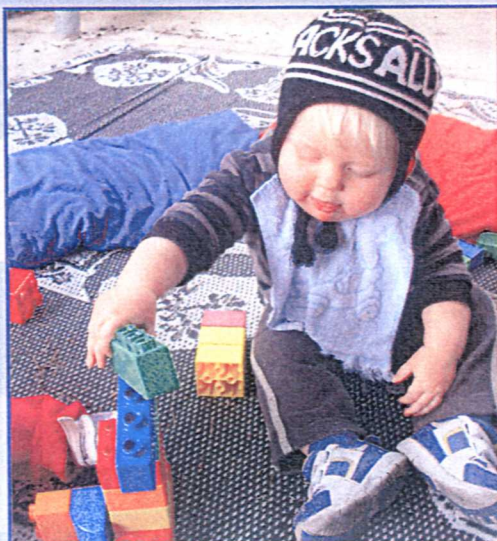


Jacob has recently shown a keen interest in our building blocks. He loves to piece them altogether and especially loves building towers and seeing how high he can make them.



Playing with blocks is valuable to children's learning as they involve the child as a whole – the way they move their muscles and discover how different objects feel in their hands, and the way they encourage children to think about spaces and shapes.

When children reach for, pick up, stack, or fit blocks together, they build strength in their fingers and hands, and increase eye-hand coordination. Creatively, blocks offer children the chance to make their own designs, and the satisfaction of creating structures that did not exist before.



To encourage Jacobs interest in the blocks and in building we will continue to offer him play opportunities with the blocks. We will also provide him with different kinds of blocks and ask him about what he is building to extend his learning in this area.