




Toad Hall
Nursery Group



What's special about 3 year olds
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- I would say that 3 year old children are full of theories!! If we stopped and listened to them they have some lovely conclusions and thoughts about things, how things work and what would happen if.... I think we can learn from some of our 3 year olds at times and not be so worried if its 'right' but to enjoy the learning process involved in just 'finding out'!!



- They are Innocent, Inquisitive, Positive, Funny, and are showing preferences, characteristics and individuality. 3 year olds have an amazing imagination and are enthusiastic about everything in the world. 3 year olds can adapt easily to new people, situations and they don't take people for granted.



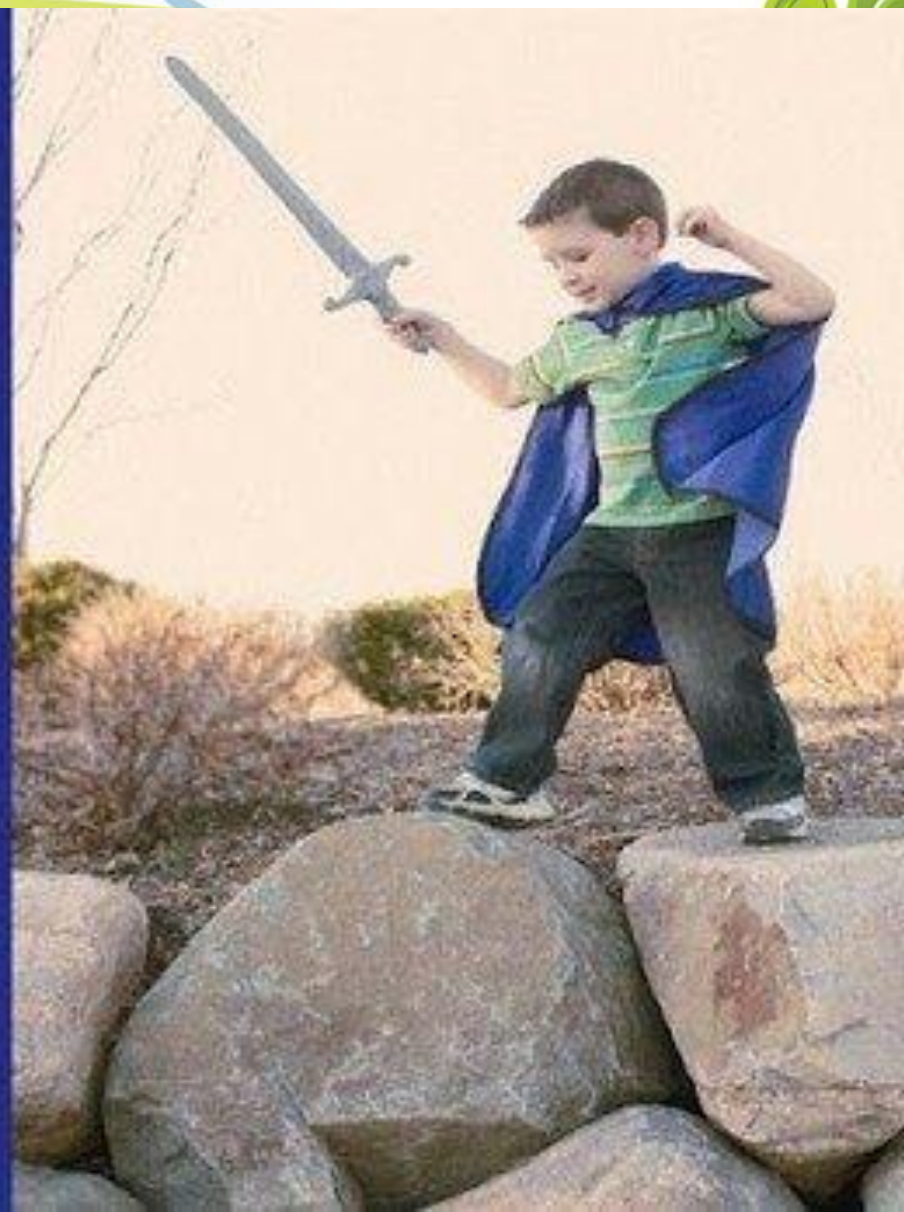
I am 3

I am not built to sit still, keep my hands to myself, take turns, be patient, stand in line, or keep quiet.

I need motion, I need novelty, I need adventure, and I need to engage the world with my whole body.

Let Me Play





(Trust me, I'm learning)



Key milestones

- Learning through exploring, beginning to be more focussed
- Language is taking off – they learn lots of new words and communicate in simple sentences
- They can understand conversations, stories, songs and poems
- They are learning their letters and notice print
- They develop their logical reasoning skills and put together simple puzzles
- They can count up to 5 and begin to learn one to one correspondence



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- Physically they are less top-heavy, they can run, climb and cycle and may be able to catch a large ball
 - They are developing their small hand skills
 - Emotionally they still need adults close by but they are now developing friendships with others and can recognise the feelings of others
 - They love being creative and using their developing imagination
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What does the adult need to do?

- Let them make their own choices
- Help them try and help them finish without taking over
- Provide opportunities for them to be creative
- Ask lots of questions and explore with them even if you don't know the answer
- Don't rush things and allow for them to be engaged
- Provide encouragement, praise and acknowledge progress



Transition to school

- Preparing the children
- Preparing the school
- Preparing the parents!

