

'This is Oscar' (video transcript): February 15th 2019

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Researcher: *'Any specific likes?'*

Anita (Oscar's mother): *'Likes? Here? Yes...the woodland bit they have and the sandpit. Literally every day it comes home in every single pocket, shoes, nappy...yes, the sand, just literally doesn't seem to matter what time of the year it is he loving that sand...it makes our sandpit look pathetic. Yes, and the sea creatures, they have really, really good sea creature toys...yeah, and he's very picky and they are very realistic, so he loves them...so that's good.'*

Kathryn (Aviary Nursery Manager): *'Oscar's again having less noisy meltdowns, so he's getting used to everything, he's taken a little bit longer I think. He's...still quite definite when he doesn't want to do something, his interests haven't grown particularly. He still likes to carry a fish or a shark or something around with him which is his comfort, but we're still progressing on getting past putting it down next to you and doing something else I feel. I think he will do it, I just think he's far more challenging because he has less interests. And he's not, he doesn't appear to be looking at what other people are doing for any length of time to think 'Oh he's watched that six times let's see if he'll come over or take it to him. I think he's just beginning to.'*

Gareth (Aviary Nursery Inclusion Teacher): *'So I think to start off with he was kind of, he didn't really, although he looked comfortable in one sense I think in another sense he just didn't really know what to do in the environment or what he was here for or anything. So, he was kind of quite... he kind of went into himself, and so you trying to stop him doing the little things he was doing to keep himself kind of safe in his eyes, kind of...he found difficult. And after a while...when he realised that all we were doing was to ask him to go there, he kind of didn't mind you asking him to do stuff. I think now there's more things he likes doing.'*

Well, the biggest thing he likes at the moment is...and it's been a big development for him actually, is getting a ball and a bat or a racket and give it to an adult and getting you to hit it for him so that he can chase it. And just recently he started to come and with a bit of encouragement actually point 'Up up up' that and then to encourage you to hit it and hit it up, which has been a huge step for Oscar.'

And bubbles again, so he's started off quite liking bubbles in a little way. And just recently he's really become big on bubbles and again he'll verbally go 'Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles' to you. In fact this morning he didn't even need a picture to ask for bubbles, he just went straight to saying it, he went straight to standing by the shelf he looked up and he turned to Sam and said 'Bubbles bubbles bubbles' to get Sam to get the bubbles down. And again, that's a really big step because he's not, you know, he's had to cross lots of boundaries that he's worried about to do that so.'

Sarah (Early Years Practitioner at Aviary Nursery): *'Oscar's very sensory in his sort of approach to his play, so there's a lot of holding things, moving them, stimulating himself, you know, with the feel and the look of things and he can be very absorbed in that. He doesn't like being interrupted and he's*

feeling that sort of frustration if he's interrupted, which then brings him on to sort of refusing to do things.'

Gary (Early Years Practitioner at Aviary Nursery): *'Oscar, I think Oscar's whole thing is communication again and trying to find something that he likes. He likes the sea animals, but he doesn't do anything with them, he'll just hold it. And try to get him to like, right, you like the sea animals let's go in the water. But 'no, I just want to hold the whale, that's all that I want is this whale. I don't want the water, I don't want a sea world created for me, I just want this whale'. I think, I've seen and heard that he's getting better now, he's sort of, I think he communicated about bubbles a few times and he will select, he likes this purple material and he likes to run through it or to be on him and he's been selecting that, so he's slowly getting there.'*