

# Painting together makes our brain bigger...



Working in small groups gave the children opportunities to learn from and about others, to develop respect and acceptance, and to broaden their social competence.

At this point we noticed that although we were only a few months into our first year together the children started to demonstrate great respect for each other's learning, thoughts and ideas and became more responsive to each other. Unpacking possibilities and sharing contributions to the group were dispositions the children demonstrated as beautiful flowers were brought to our kinder. The children examined the flower by touch, smell and with attention to its details. The drawing began. Each child from this group of four contributed to the one flower they decided to draw together. This group learning experience gave great satisfaction to the children and inspired us all to continue with our journey of collaboration. Group learning is an opportunity for interaction not only through a sense of friendship; it is an interaction of exchanging ideas and transformation". (L Malaguzzi).

**How do we build the momentum for intentional teaching and how do we ensure the continuity of meaningful group learning?**