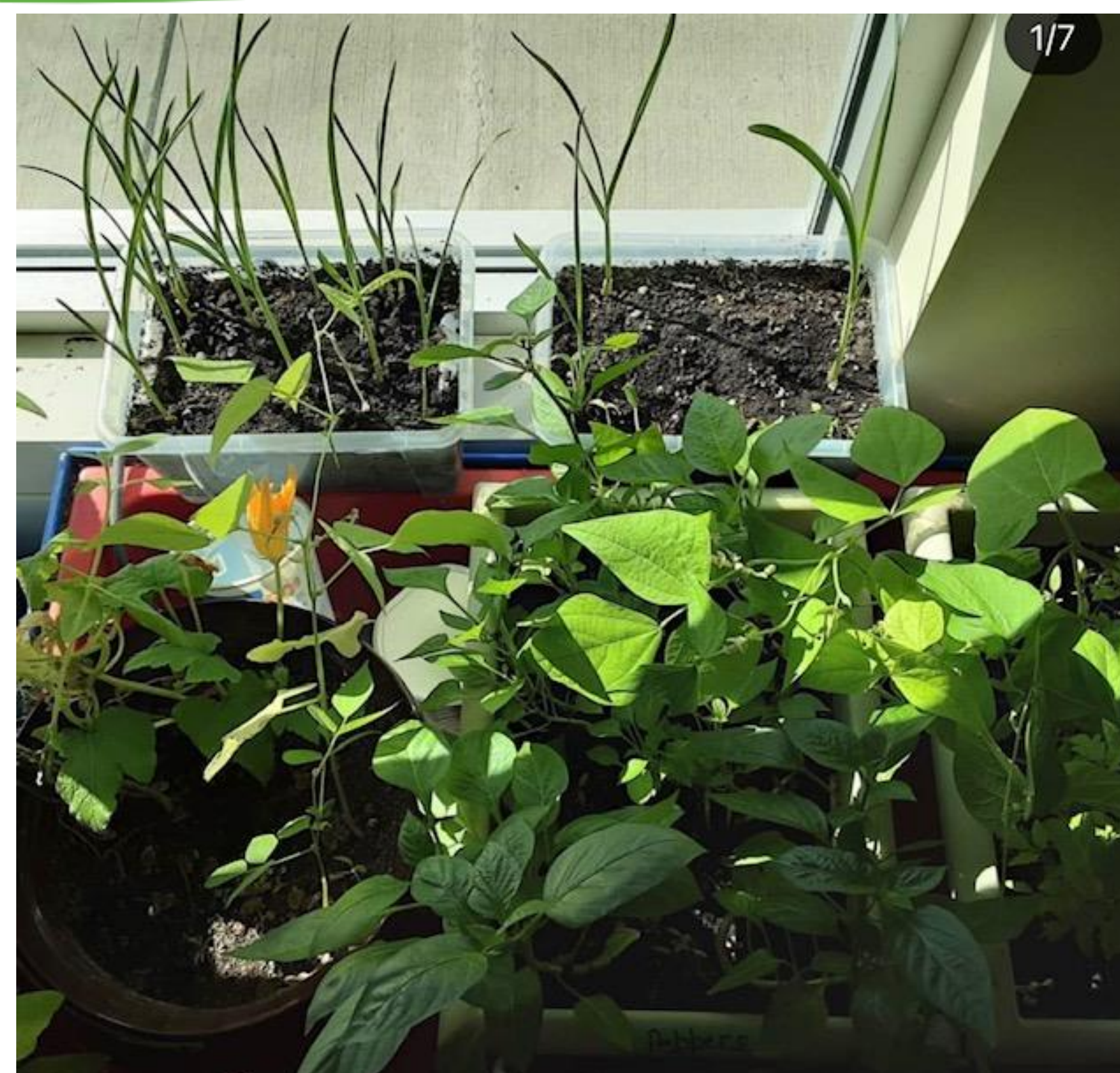




Creating Warm and Inspiring Learning Environments

Plants

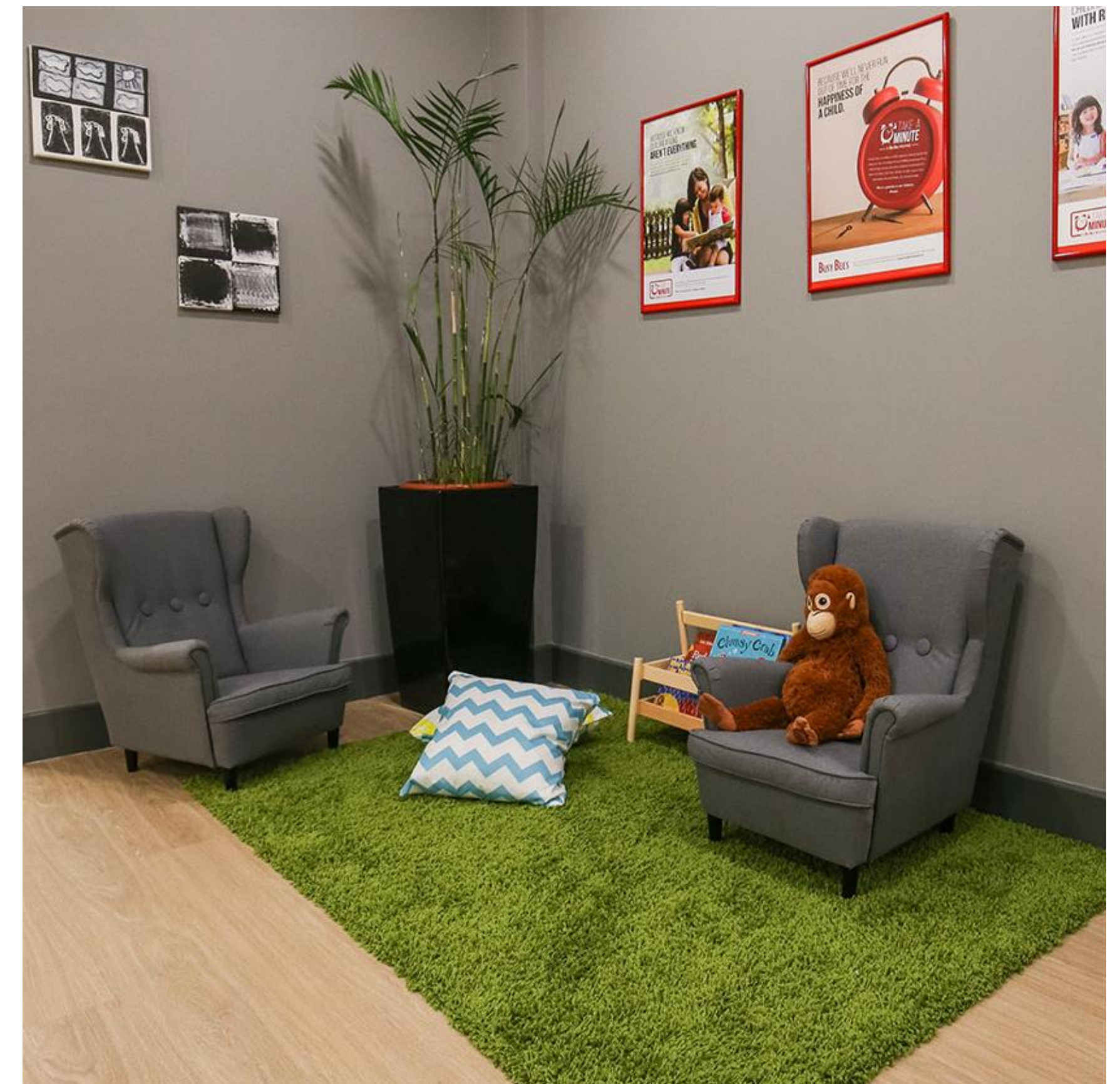


Adding plants throughout your learning environments is a wonderful first step in layering your spaces with warmth, calm, and beauty.

Plants



Adding plants to your learning environments increases the sense of beauty and calm. Encouraging children to help take care of the plants is even more meaningful.



Plants



Incorporating the care for plants into everyday learning environments adds warmth to your spaces while building respect for nature.



Plants



Adding plants to both your individual learning environments and shared spaces like hallways contributes to overall warmth.



Nature



Nature mobiles add a layer of inspiration to your learning environments, inviting the children to explore.



Nature



Branches elegantly hung and decorated with items that can be changed out with the season add layers of beauty to the learning environment. The first photo showcases a branch hanging above a change table, allowing for a meaningful focus!

Nature



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Nature



Be intentional by adding nature into your invitations to play.



Texture



Adding intermittent subtle textures to your walls helps create focus and a sense of calm to your environments.



Texture



Adding texture through higher pile rugs, pillows, curtains, and baskets contributes to warmth and homey-ness.



Texture



These photos showcase the calming effect of multiple textures, such as the rug, the wooden benches, the cloth tent, and cushions.



Texture



Both photos showcase the warmth added by playing with textures. We see this in the multitude of baskets displayed, as well as the carpets, cushions, and even the blinds.

Texture



Tulle netting showcased in these photos, embellished with fairy lights and greenery, have the dual purpose of grounding spaces while adding warmth.



Lighting



Here we see a light up cube used as a surface for books, adding a unique layer of warmth.

String lights meshed with branches add a warm and calming effect to the entire learning environment.



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A private refuge space becomes even more cozy with the use of a lamp.

Lighting

Fairy lights can cozy up a space, inviting children to come and explore. Using light as the foundation for an activity is also very engaging,



Lighting does not need to be expensive. Consider wrapping a hula hoop in jute string and fairy lights for a unique piece.

Lighting

These photos showcase the subtle use of lighting to add warmth and beauty to learning spaces.



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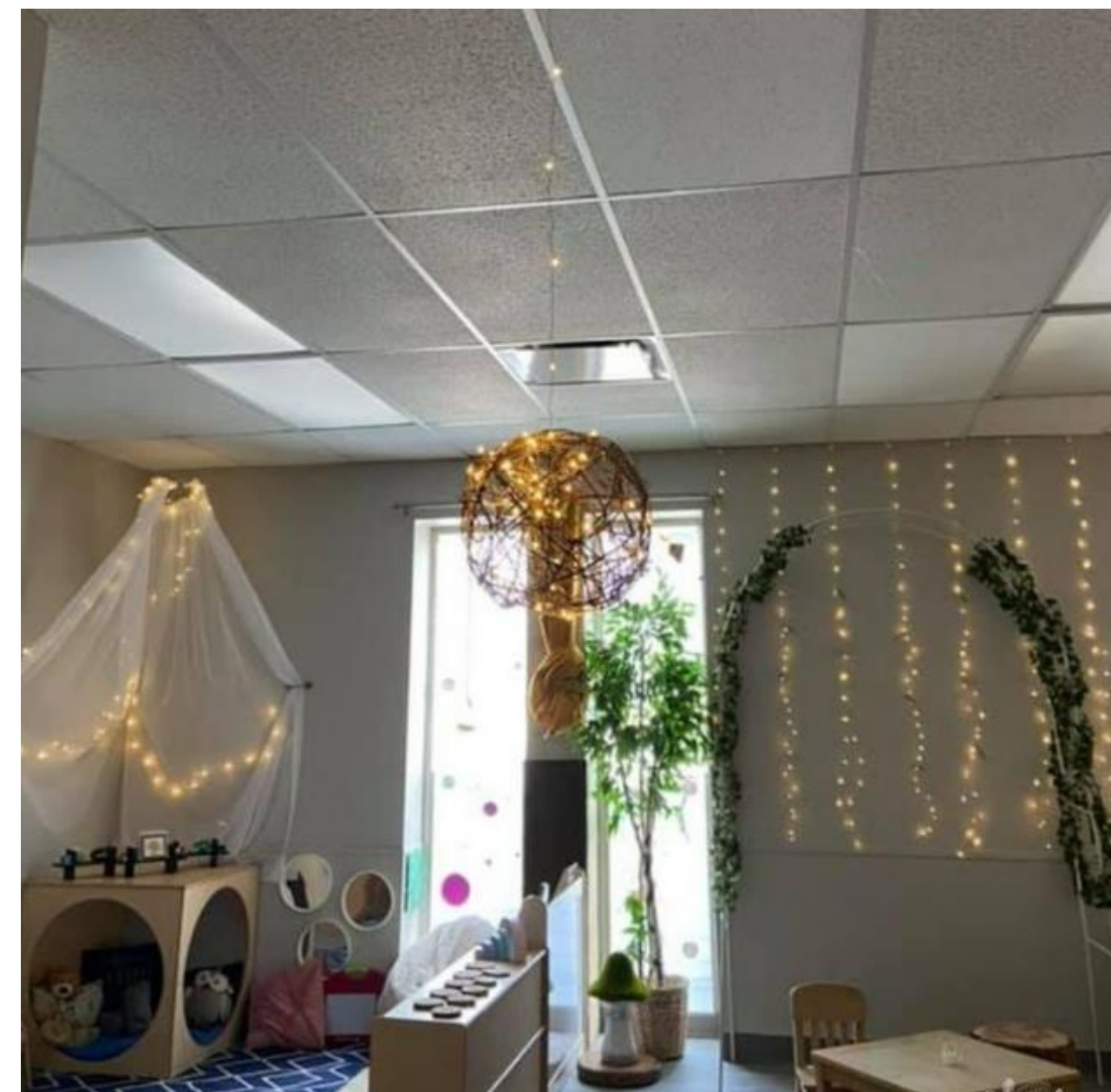


Lighting

Lighting can be used in so many beautiful ways. Be creative with your spaces. Lighting can showcase a particular space while adding a sense of wonder.



Lighting



Here are some more photos to showcase how lighting can be creatively used within your learning environments.



Unique Pieces



The use of interesting mirrors such as these really showcase how warmth and homey-ness can be added with unique pieces.



Unique Pieces



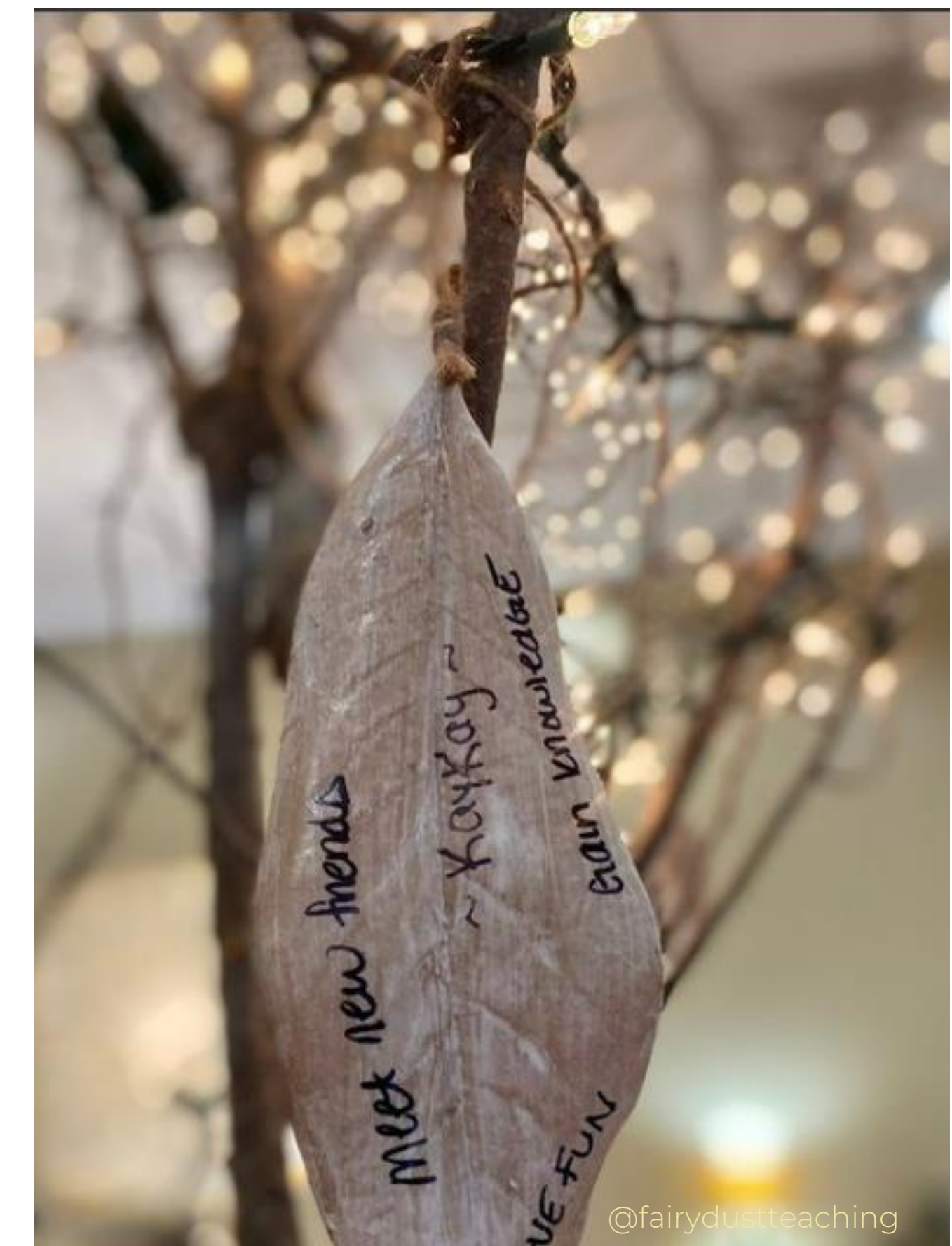
These photos feature unique details that add warmth to the learning environments: a palette and spool, a vintage bird cage decoration, and a wooden frame to help “catch” wishes.



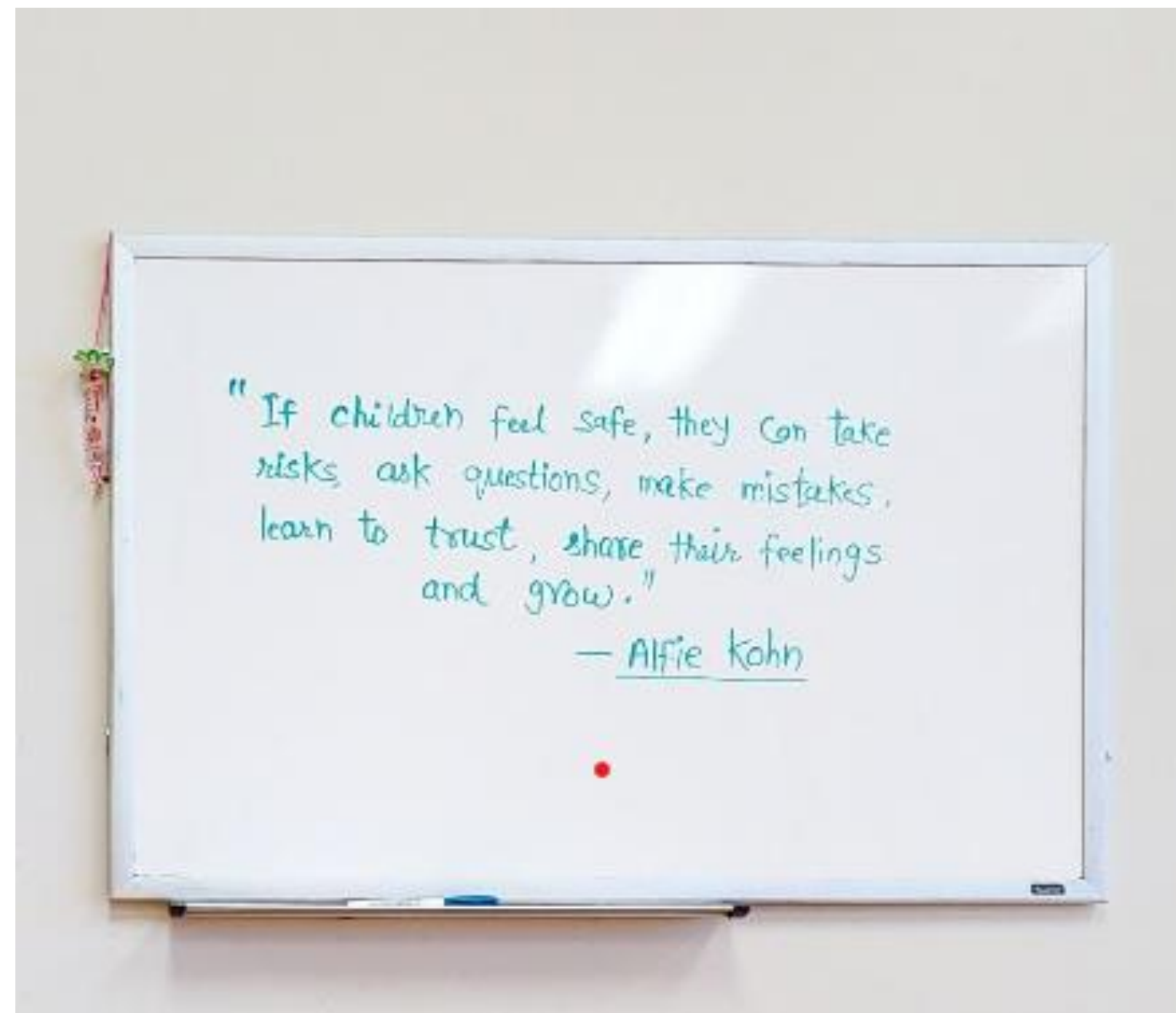
Personalized Touches



Here, we see a neutral plaque hung with a meaningful quote, a beautiful family tree, and a wishing tree with wishes printed on leaves, all adding beauty to the learning environment.



Personalized Touches



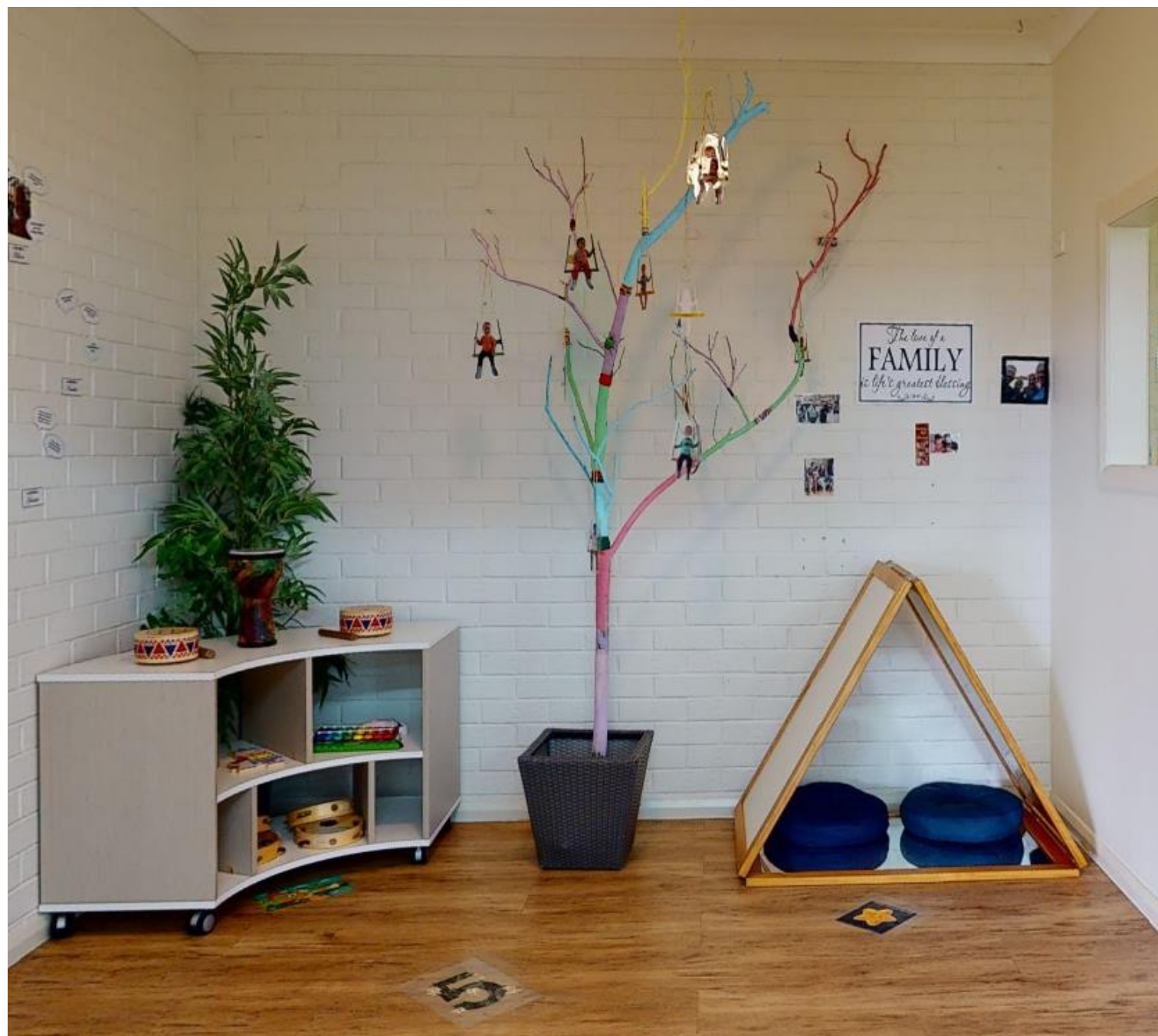
An inspiring quote adds an element of warmth by infusing positive thoughts into those who read it.



Hanging lanterns that change with the season and a strategic placement of small world materials add warmth and wonder to the learning environment



Personalized Touches



This tree has been playfully decorated with some coloured tape, making it a focus and unique conversation piece.



Creating a piece that is uniquely yours adds warmth to your learning environment as it evokes a sense of pride.



Authentic Materials



Setting up your learning environment with authentic materials adds to the warmth of your space as it evokes curiosity and motivation to engage with them.



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Authentic Materials



These photos demonstrate how the use of authentic items can add warmth to a dramatic play area, heightening the motivation to engage while increasing visual appeal.



Authentic Materials



Children are drawn to spaces that resemble real-life environments.. Try to add these pieces where possible, to warm up your space.

Distinct Learning Areas



When your learning areas are separated and make use of all space in your environment, each area is respected, adding warmth, beauty, and ease of fluidity throughout the space.



Distinct Learning Areas



Plants, lights, textures, natural mobiles, mirrors, and a well-designed play space have been intentionally created to add calm, beauty and warmth.



△ Some final points to consider:

- Ensure all added pieces meet with the Standards of Excellence
- Ensure all pieces brought in are reviewed with your Centre Director
- Ensure all displays meet our fire and centre presentation requirements

Thank you for your continued investment in creating warm and inspiring learning spaces! Please reach out to your Education Coach with any questions!



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