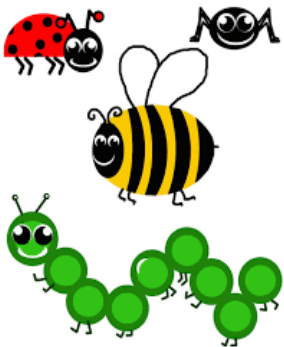


MARK

Hi, my name is Mark and I am 5 years old!



Mark is a little boy with a great sense of fun and lots of energy! He loves imaginary play, dressing up, playing with cars and building towers with his Lego. He enjoys all kinds of physical activities especially swimming and football. Mark mostly likes being outdoors, seeking wildlife and watching out for lady birds, ants, bugs and spiders using his binoculars. Mark is fascinated by anything which involves movement and is very responsive to sensory play. Water play makes him feel happy and relaxed! When indoors, he likes to help with little jobs around the house and enjoys getting praise for tidying his bedroom. His favourite TV programmes are Peter Rabbit, Katy's Amazing Machines, Mr Tumble and Mr Bean (the cartoon).



Mark experienced severe neglect which has impacted his development. He has been diagnosed with Global Developmental Delay and has some speech and language delay. However, he has made tremendous progress since placed in foster care. The school and foster carers are working closely to support Mark and overtime have been very encouraged by his progress. They find that distraction and a 'little and often' approach help to reassure Mark and support his emotional wellbeing.

Mark has siblings who are to be placed separately, therefore adopters will need to be willing to support their relationship going forward.

The post adoption contact plan is for annual indirect letterbox contact with birth family.

Areas to avoid West Essex.

A support package consisting of a minimum 2 years adoption allowance has been secured and payable upon placement

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