At Little Hoppers Pre-School we were delighted to receive a Grant towards our new outdoor area for our pre-school children to enjoy. We were able to use the money towards a pergola with a roof and to have artificial grass installed to make it an all-year-round area. This has enabled us to use free flow into our garden and this has made a huge difference to our children. The children are really benefitting from having more time outside, more freedom to choose where they want to play. Our children with SEN have enjoyed using our new outdoor space as free flow. They have made progress making choices, allowing them to make their own decisions and empowering them. There are many benefits of outdoor play such as keeping active and staying healthy which is really important to us and the children in our care, some of whom live in flats. Spending time outside builds confidence and independence and improves general well being, and also develops children's social skills.





