



## My Happy Mind

The children have been learning about their brain and how our brain controls everything that we do. We discussed new things that we have learnt that will also make our brains develop. Children spoke about learning to ride a bike, learning to swim and one child said, "I've been learning how to be a grown up." The children made their own brain headband and listened to a song about our brain called, 'Happy Healthy Brain' song.

## Literacy

We have started our new book called 'The Rainbow Fish.' The children were shown a small section of the front cover and were asked to guess what they thought it was and what the book was going to be about. The children were encouraged to label parts of a fish using the initial sounds of the words 'mouth' 'tail' and 'scales'. We explored vocabulary in the story and learned what 'beautiful' and 'shocked' means. The children also engaged in role play to act shocked and show a shocked face.

## Maths

We have been exploring 4 and 5 this week and the different ways that these amounts can be shown. We learnt about squares and pentagons and discussed how many corners and sides each of these shapes have. The children looked at amounts on a five frame. They also used Rekenreks to show 4 and 5 in different ways, focusing on the number bonds of these numbers.

## Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

This week, we have learnt the sounds: o, c, k, u & b. We have been practising forming these letters as well. Please help your child to reinforce learning at home by watching the videos that we post on SeeSaw.



## Understanding the World (People, cultures and communities)

The children have looked at different types of homes and discussed what type of home they live in. We looked at terraced houses, semi detached, detached, flats, bungalows and caravans. We looked at the different homes that we can see around our school.

## Expressive Arts & Design

The children used different materials to make their own rainbow fish collage. They used tissue paper, tin foil, glitter and sequins. The art work was really effective.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, we explored the different seasons. The children learned the names of all the seasons and discussed the different types of weather that happen in each season. We also discussed the clothes that we wear in each season and why.

## Reminders:

- If you missed the Read Write Inc workshop you can attend the Key Stage 1 workshop on Friday 11th October at 8.45am (the content of the workshop will be the same as the Reception one).
- Please try to watch the Read Write Inc videos that we post on SeeSaw, it will help the children to revisit the sounds that they have been taught which will develop their reading skills.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
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