

# RECEPTION



11th October 2024

## Personal, social & emotional development

We started our lesson by singing, 'If you're happy and you know it.' We then changed parts of the song and changed the emotions (e.g. if you're sad and you know, if you're angry and you know it etc). We then talked about different strategies that we could use to manage our emotions. The children listened to a story about two characters called Leena and Archie. They were given a scenario and were asked to discuss how the children could have acted differently in the story.

## Literacy

We read more of 'The Rainbow Fish' and worked together to identify the beginning, middle and end of the story. This week, it was Rainbow Fish's birthday. The children wrote a list of things we would need to buy from the shop and they also wrote invitations to invite his friends to the party. We then had a party on Friday.

## Maths

This week, we focused on 4 and 5. The children were introduced to 'pentominoes' (shapes made up of 5 squares). We also looked at variations of amounts made in different ways (4 and 5) and the children had to use number fans to show if it was 4 or 5. We have been playing games to practise subitising these amounts.

## Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

This week, we have learnt the sounds: f, e, l, h & r. 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 (Past & present)

This week, the children were shown photographs of different areas of Kirkby from the past. They looked at Bewley Drive and the bus station in Kirkby from a long time ago. The children then looked at a recent photo of Kirkby bus station and compared it to the photograph from the past. They looked at the things that had changed and things that had stayed the same. They also looked at buses from the past and talked about the ways that they have changed.

## Expressive Arts & Design

The children used cotton buds to paint with. They used a pointillism technique (painting small dots) to decorate the Rainbow Fish. They then added tin foil to create the shimmering scales.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, we explored 'shiny' and 'not shiny'. The children learnt what 'shiny' means. They sorted object into different groups depending if they were shiny or not shiny. We have also been exploring our forest area, finding natural treasures such as leaves, acorns and conkers. We talked about the different colours we see in Autumn.

## Dates for your diary:

- Madagascar Christmas performance & Christmas crafts in class- Wednesday 4th December 2pm
- Peru Christmas performance & Christmas crafts in class- Thursday 5th December 2pm

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan