



Understanding the World (People, Cultures and Communities)

On Wednesday, we had a whole school Careers Day where we welcomed lots of inspirational people into school (all from Kirkby) to talk about their careers. The children went to an assembly led by world champion boxer Nick Ball. We were all very inspired by his commitment and determination to be the best in the world. The children asked lots of questions about boxing. (We also had lots of children shadow boxing after this assembly). We had talks from Lucy who works in McDonald's and Gerry who works at Kirkby library to give the children an understanding of a variety of jobs. We ended the day with a Disney singalong with Cinderella from Glass Slipper Entertainment; it was magical!

Personal, social & emotional development (My Happy Mind)

This week, we learned about friendship and teamwork. The children discussed times when they have been a good friend or have worked as part of a team. We also learned about bravery. The children shared examples of when they have been brave.

Expressive Arts & Design

As part of the Kirkby collaborative, every child in our school has created a Christmas star to hang in a front window at home, to symbolise a Kirkby community togetherness and unity at Christmas. The children used colouring pencils, felt tips and sequins to decorate their star. They look amazing!

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been looking at number bonds to 5. The children have been completing part-part whole diagrams and have been applying their knowledge when playing in the provision. We have had lots of children completing part-part whole diagrams during play. The children have been developing their knowledge of one more and one less. You can practise this at home by saying a number between 1 and 10 and asking your child to tell you what one more would be, or what one less would be.

Literacy

This week, we have been reading the Traditional Tale, 'Little Red Riding Hood.' The children read different parts of the story and answered questions about it such as 'Should Little Red Riding Hood tell the wolf where she is going?' The children voted and discussed their reasons for voting yes or no. The children made speech bubbles for characters from the story and they worked as a whole class to sequence the story in the correct order.

Understanding the World (The Natural World)

The children have been experiencing the signs of winter first hand this week. They have noticed the changes in the weather and have been discussing the types of clothes that we have to wear in winter and why. The children have been exploring the snow and ice and have been investigating why water freezes and why ice melts. The children have enjoyed making snow angels, snow men, snow castles and pretending to make slushes in the mud kitchen.

Reminders & Notices

- We are having a 'No Pens Day' on Friday 29th November
- Snack money- £1 a week.
- Thursday 28th or Friday 29th November- surprise visit from Santa (This is in replacement of 'Breakfast with Santa').
- **Christmas performances & Christmas crafts**

Madagascar= Wednesday 4th December 2pm

Peru= Thursday 5th December 2pm

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