



## Literacy

We have continued with our book 'Traction Man is Here.' This week, we have been learning what a verb is. The children looked at images of Traction Man and were able to identify what Traction Man is doing in each picture. We used Colourful Semantics (who, doing, what) to help us to generate a sentence about Traction Man. The children also completed an activity to match capital letters to lower case letters.

## Understanding the World (Past and Present)

This week, the children explored toys from the past. They were shown different artefacts and tried to infer (guess) what the different artefacts were used for. The children were shown a cup and ball, a Jacob's ladder, a kaleidoscope, a doll and a pop gun. The children discovered that the artefacts were all toys. We looked at a doll from the past (then) and a doll from the present (now) and talked about the things that are the same and things that are different.

## Physical Development

For our second athletics lesson, we were learning how to use our arms to help to power us forward when jumping. The children played Traffic Lights to warm up then play 'Cross the pond' and 'Fill your house' to develop the skill of jumping using our arms to help.

## Maths

In Maths this week, the children have continued to develop our understanding of the composition of 7. The children completed part-part whole diagrams of 7 using pictures as prompts. The children were able to tell a story about 7 e.g. There are 7 balloons, 6 have popped, 1 hasn't popped. We developed our understanding of composition of 8 and talked about the way objects had been grouped. E.g. one group has 4 blue plates, one group has 4 multicoloured plates= 8 plates altogether.

## Personal, social & emotional development: My Happy Mind

This week, the children explored a new strand of the My Happy Mind program. They started the 'Relate' strand. We listened to a song about being a good friend. The children then discussed what qualities people have that make them a good friend. We made our own recipe for a good friend including ingredients such as: A sprinkle of kindness, a spoonful of care, lots of sharing etc.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, the children were learning about gravity. We asked the children what would happen if Traction Man jumped off a table. We learnt that gravity pulls everything down and stops us from floating. We carried out an investigation to find out which object would hit the ground first (feather, ball, paper, toy car). We watched a video showing astronauts floating and eating in space.

## World Book Day

The children had a lovely day and enjoyed dressing up as explorers. Thank you for all of your efforts. The children loved visiting the 'Book Swap Shop' to choose their own book.

## Reminders & Notices

- Miss O'Loughlin has started with us this week. She is a student in her final year of teaching practice so will be with us for 12 weeks.
- Please encourage your child to write as often as possible at home. It is really important that the children develop neat handwriting so any opportunities to write at home would really help to develop letter formation. Thank you!

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