



## Literacy

This week, the children looked at the ingredients that Biscuit Bear used to make some new friends in the story. The children wrote a list of ingredients for Miss McGrath and Miss Glascott to take to the shop so that they wouldn't forget what they needed to buy. The children worked as a group to sequence the steps of the recipe in the correct order. The children made biscuits then wrote instructions for other people so that other people would know how to make biscuits as well. The children learnt about imperative verbs (bossy words) and made sure that they included these in their instructions.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, the children were learning about the life cycle of a sunflower seed: Seed; seedling; plant grows; sunflower opens; plant dies and seeds drop. Then the life cycle starts again. We will be planting our own seeds in school and will be taking care of them, making sure they have enough sunlight, air and water.

## Personal, social & emotional development

We continued with the 'Relate' topic on My Happy Mind. The children explored their feelings and how friendships make us feel. The children discussed what makes a good friend and what makes a bad friend and why. We listened to a song called 'Good Friend.'

## Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning about odd and even numbers. The children used Numicon to help them to visually see which amount is odd (1 extra piece with no partner) and which amount is even (each Numicon piece has a partner). The children looked at spots on a ladybird and then had to decide if the amount was odd or even. We also explored equal distributions and sharing equally. The children learnt how to share by giving one item out at a time to each person and continuing this until all of the items had been shared out. We then checked if everyone had the same amount. To reinforce this concept, the children made their own pizza and were encouraged to share toppings equally between each slice of pizza. Please continue to develop 'sharing equally' at home.

## Physical Development

In PE this week, the children have been learning how to roll in different ways. They focused on the log roll and the egg roll. Ask your child if he/ she can remember how to perform any of these rolls.

## Expressive Arts & Design (Art)

Our artist of the term is Vincent Van Gogh. The children learnt about the artist then created their own version of 'Sunflowers,' using paint.

## Expressive Arts & Design (Music)

We have been learning about instruments. The children used recycled materials to create their own instrument. They used a variety of materials such as cardboard boxes, elastic bands, rice and plastic bottles to make an instrument.

## Reminders & Notices

- On Thursday 8th May we will be celebrating VE Day. Children can come to school wearing red, white or blue on this day.
- Please make sure that your child's name is in all clothing. The children often take their cardigans and jumpers off in the warm weather and it is very difficult to give your child the correct cardigan/ jumper if there is no name in it. Thank you.
- Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school everyday.

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