



In November the pupils also started 'Aistear' which is a learning through play programme. The pupils took part in activities at various stations and rotate as the weeks go on. Keeping with our animal theme, Junior Infants' role play area was a Vet's Surgery. Over the few weeks the children managed to help and cure many animals from a variety of illness and injuries including a frog who couldn't jump and a cow who had lost it's 'MOO'!



In December the pupils were lucky enough to get a visit from the Sam Maguire cup. They wore Dublin colours and met Evan, the goalkeeper and asked him lots of questions about his football training and winning the 'All Ireland'. Then we got a class photo with the cup!



They learned about an artist called Wassily Kandinsky'. We looked at some of his paintings- the colours and shapes he uses. The pupils tried to work out what his paintings might be off. They even replicated one themselves.



It was then that all the Christmas preparations began! We started learning our carols and songs for the upcoming Christmas Carol Service. We began our Christmas art, Christmas Irish and talk about Santa letters, presents and Christmas plans. We also learned about the very first Christmas in Bethlehem.

With all our talk about toys and Christmas wish lists we took some time to learn about toys long ago and how they have changed. Mrs Heath brought in some old toys of her own, her parents and even her grandparents to look at.



They had so much fun in their 'Santa's Workshop' themed aistear stations this month. There were lots of busy elves building, wrapping and quality checking toys for Santa and another group working on Santa's design team and coming up with new toy ideas to be created.



And finally, it is with sad hearts we say goodbye to Ari this Christmas time as he and his family start a new adventure – a new house and a new school in Kildare in the new year. We'll all miss him but wish him the best of luck!

