

## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

After they say 'hello', Nóra uses a song and dance - on a theme of sisters and brothers to help Naoise remember which is which.

Then Ruairí pretends to be Grandad, and the others have to guess who he is. They all play with a puppet family that Nóra finds in their toy box.

Via the magic bubble machine we meet Lara who introduces her family, Mammy, Daddy and her two little sisters.

Then Na Dódaí act out the story of the three Bears before Nóra reads a funny story about what happened when Granny and Grandad bear came on a visit.

After the story, Naoise wants to visit Granny and Grandad bear and they 'drive' to their house in their invisible car, playing 'I spy' and singing funny songs about their relatives as they go. Then it is time for 'Na Dódaí' to say goodbye to their friends.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Language development**

Key vocabulary relating to family members is introduced. This is reinforced by phonemic repetition.

- **Numeracy**

Key vocabulary which illustrates the way people are counted is introduced. The counting lessons learned in the previous two programmes are reinforced. Difference in size is indicated – small, medium, large. Concepts of older and younger are introduced.

- **The Arts**

Using music, and guessing games, different characters contribute to the play in an imaginative and personal way, promoting confident self-expression.

The power of the imagination is celebrated through role playing games, and on 'Na Dódaí's' imaginary car journey.

Rhyming sounds are used by different characters, as they make-up a silly song about their relatives.

A traditional story is presented in an imaginative way by 'Na Dódaí'. Story time adds to this familiar narrative when further events in the 'life' of these characters are explored.

- **Personal development and movement**

'Na Dódaí' present a positive example of creative play, with each character encouraged to

contribute.

Family relationships are explored, and individual family members named.

The characters dance and sing, and on their 'journey' they demonstrate movement, co-ordination and teamwork.

- **The world around us**

'Na Dódaí' are seen to promote careful driving and the importance of wearing seatbelts.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Using simple rhymes, encourage children to come up with some new verses for the 'Is maith liom...' song. For example Nuala/úlla, Seán/crann, Páid/bád.
2. Using cardboard tubes and coloured paper, make puppets that children can use to introduce and count members of their own family, just as Lara does in the VT.
3. If any children have brothers or sisters in the school, perhaps they can visit the classroom, and be introduced as 'my big brother/sister' by their sibling, or if any parent has a new baby, perhaps they could come into the classroom and let the children see the child, examine his/her tiny fingers/toes etc..
4. Create a drama, based on the traditional 'Goldilocks' story, with different children acting out the bowls, chairs, beds, etc. and using the vocabulary they have learned from the programme. This provides a good opportunity for call and response repetition as they re-iterate the words for small/medium/large.
5. Create a school 'bus' with upside down tables – you can have a bus driver, a conductor, tickets etc. and on their 'journey' the children can play 'tugaim fadger'/eye spy. This is a good opportunity for children to use phonemic repetition, as 'Na Dódaí' do when they play this game. They can also sing their own favourite songs as they continue on their journey.
6. Introduce the idea of a wider school 'family' by creating a group picture, with each child contributing an individual painted leaf and/or photo to a giant painted tree.

# Story 3

## - Irish version

Anois, tá na trí bhéar sa teach.  
Tá Mamaí Béar sa chistin.  
Tá Babaí Béar ag súgradh  
Agus tá Daidí Béar ina chodladh...!

"Bhuel," arsa Mamaí Béar le Babaí Béar.  
"Tá mise ag déanamh bolgam tae. Ó, níl  
bainne ar bith sa teach don tae ná don  
bhriceasta!"

Amach chuig an charr le Mamaí Béar agus  
Babaí Béar le dul chuig an siopa.  
Agus cuireann Babaí Béar a chríos air!!

Ach nuair atá siad ar shiúl, cé a thagann  
chun tí?

Tagann Mamó Béar  
agus Daideo Béar ar cuairt!  
Buaileann siad ar an doras,  
buaileann siad ar an doras,  
buaileann siad ar an doras ... trí huaire!

Cnag, cnag, cnag!

Ach ní chluineann Daidí Béar iad! Cad  
chuige?

Mar tá sé ina chodladh!!

Isteach sa teach le Mamó Béar agus le  
Daideo Béar  
Ansin deir Mamó Béar – ó déan bolgam  
tae, a stóirín,  
déan bolgam tae.

ANSIN !!!

Cluineann siad trup!

Á, Á, tá eilifint sa teach!!!

AGUS...ritheann siad amach as an teach!!  
ACH! Cé atá ag teacht isteach sa teach ag  
an am chéanna?

Mamaí Béar agus Babaí Béar!  
Agus BEAING !!! Buaileann siad isteach  
ina chéile! BEAING! Agus téann an bainne  
suas ... suas ... suas ... suas san aer agus  
... agus SPLAIS! Titeann sé uilig thart ar ...





..... Mhamó agus ar Dhaideo Béar!!

Béir bhána, há há, béir bhána – Is béir  
bhána iad Mamó agus Daideo!!!!



# Story 3

## – English version

Now, the 3 bears are in the house.  
Mammy Bear is in the kitchen.  
Baby Bear is playing and  
Daddy Bear is sleeping.

Well says Mammy Bear to Baby Bear I'm going to make a drop of tea! Oh dear there's no milk in the house for tea or for breakfast!

So Mammy and Baby Bear go to the shop in the car!  
And Baby Bear puts his belt on!  
And while they're away, who comes to visit?

Granny and Granda Bear come to visit.  
They knock on the door, they knock on the door, they  
knock on the door... three times!!

Knock, knock, knock  
But Daddy Bear. doesn't hear them. Why?  
Because he is asleep !!

But Granny and Granda Bear walk on in to the house. Then Granny Bear says – o, make a cup of tea darling.

THEN !!

They hear a noise. There's an elephant in the house! [Daddy Bear. snoring!!]

AND they run out of the house !!

BUT! Who's coming in the door at the same time ?  
Mammy Bear and Baby Bear!

And BANG !!! They bump into each other!  
BANG! And the milk goes up ..up ..up ... up ..up..in the air and it opens and SPLASH!  
The milk spills all over.....Granny and Granda Bear!

