

## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Naoise has lost his teddy, and his brother and sisters help him to look all over the house until they find him.

Then it is time for the bubble machine, and we meet Séibhín's brothers and sisters before she takes us on a tour of her house.

Afterwards, Nora has a surprise for them - she shows them a dolls' house, and they examine the different rooms in the little house.

Then Nóra tells them a story about a little cat who finds out about different sorts of houses. Afterwards, they all enjoy drinks and snacks, but Naoise, pretending to be a pussy cat, drinks his milk out of a bowl and spills it all over himself.

It is time for Dódaí washing, and the others dance and sing as they help to clean Naoise's clothes.

Then it is time for 'Na Dódaí' to say goodbye to their friends.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Language development**

Key vocabulary which relates to the child's home environment is introduced as 'Na Dódaí' confidently explore their house. New vocabulary relating to hunger and thirst is introduced in this domestic context.

Vocabulary relating to family members from programme three is reinforced, and there are further examples of phonemic learning.

- **Personal development and movement**

Naoise experiences loss and sadness when he realises teddy is missing. As they help him to search, his siblings demonstrate strong interpersonal relationships and teamwork.

Our VT insert shows a child confident and secure in her own home, who is happy to invite us in to see where she lives.

The main character in the story demonstrates confidence and independence but this is balanced by the fact that he needs parental help and care, and is happy to come back to a secure and loving home environment after his adventures.

Na Dódaí provide a positive example as they eat and enjoy healthy snacks and drinks, and help Nóra out with domestic chores.

## • Numeracy

Naoise counts as they play 'hide and seek' with teddy.

The contrast between their own house and the dolls' house allows 'Na Dódaí' to explore the difference between big and small.

## • The Arts

Music and dance is used to reinforce language acquisition. Role play is used as the characters investigate the dolls' house, and when Naoise pretends to be the pussy-cat from the story.

The narrative of the story is used as a platform for discussion.

## • The world around us

'Na Dódaí' confidently move about their home environment, naming and exploring as they go.

The dolls' house, VT insert and story allow them to consider other types of houses.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Collect and paint different sized boxes to make a large dolls house. Use painted household cartons as furniture. Working in groups, children can place the furniture appropriately.
2. Using shapes, children make a picture of a house – triangles for the roof, squares and circles for windows, rectangles for doors.
3. Using fabric scraps, paint and glitter, they make flowers on paper plates to place outside their house, in the garden.
4. Using the story as a model, play a guessing game – children have to guess the animal based on the sounds made by the teacher – for example: a dog, a cow, a monkey, a snail, a bird, a fish.
5. Once a number of animals have been guessed, show pictures of individual dwellings – a dog kennel, a barn, a tropical tree with bananas, a snail shell, a nest, water – the children now match the animal to their appropriate dwelling place.
6. Make pink Dódaí milk for break time using puréed strawberries.
7. Draw pictures of the robin in the story – talk to the children about what other birds they see every day – in their garden, in the park, on their way to school – name them (blackbird, sparrow, magpie etc.) and paint pictures of the different birds.
8. If the area around you school allows, why not start a bird table – and encourage the children to watch and draw the birds that visit it.

# Story 4

## – Irish version

Seo an puisín beag. Tá sé ina chónaí lena dheartháir agus lena dheirfiúr i gciseán, in aice leis an tine, ciseán te teolaí.

Lá amháin téann puisín amach ag siúl – leis féin.

Isteach sa choill le puisín beag, áit a bhfuil na crainn mór agus glas. Agus an bhfuil a fhios agaibh cé atá ann?

Spideog atá ann!

Dia duit! Is maith liom na cleití dearga atá ort!

Cad é atá a dhéanamh agat thuas ansin?

"Seo mo nead," arsa an spideog.

"Óóó," arsa puisín – "Tá crann mar theach agat!"

"Tá, agus is breá liom é," arsa an spideog. Mar sin siúlann puisín beag leis –

Go tobann! Cluineann puisín trup aisteach

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Tá sé cosúil le ....

Tá rud éigin ag teacht! ....Tá rud éigin ag teacht!

Seilide atá ann!

"Dia duit," arsa an puisín –  
"Cad é atá ar do dhroim agat?"  
"Mo theach atá ann."

"Úúúúú," arsa puisín.  
"Tá do theach ar do dhroim agat?"  
"Tá, agus is breá liom é!"

"Cá'l tusa i do chónaí?"

"Úúúúú," arsa puisín,  
"Níl mé cinnte! Tá sé dorchá agus tá eagla orm.  
Agus... tá mise caillte!!!!!"

Agus ansin! An bhfuil a fhios agaibh cad é a tharla?





Tá rud éigin mór agus dubh ann ...

Mamáí atá ann: tá sí ag cuardach  
an gasúr beag dalba s'aici! Am dinnéir atá  
ann.

Téann puisín abhaile – agus bíonn babhla  
bainne  
aige lena dhearthair agus lena dheirfiúr.



# Story 4

## – English version

This is little pussy cat. He lives with his brother and his sister in a basket by the fire, where it is warm and snug!

One day the little pussy cat decides to go for a walk – all by himself.

Little pussy cat walks into the wood, where the trees are tall and green – pussy looks up - and who do you think he sees?

It's Robin Redbreast!

"Hello! I like your red feathers!"  
"What are you doing up in the tree?"

"This is my nest," says Robin!

"Oh", says pussy – "your house is in a tree!"

"It is, and I love it!" says Robin

So little pussy walks on –

Suddenly! Pussy hears a very strange noise...

It sounds like....

Something is coming! It's..it's...

It's only a snail!

"Hello," says pussy – what have you on your back?  
"That's my house"

"Oh" says Pussy, "your house is on your back?"

"It is," says snail, "and I love it!"  
"Where is your house?"

"Oh," says pussy, "I don't know! It's dark, and I'm scared!"  
"And I'm lost!!!!!!!"





And then! Do you know what he sees?  
he sees....something big, and black...

He sees his Mammy; she is looking for her  
bold little son! It is time for dinner.  
So little pussy goes home –  
and he has warm milk with his brother and  
sister!

