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Celebrating Olivia's birthday - Intercultural awareness and understanding

ACTIVITY 3: HANDS, WORDS AND WISHES

Objectives/ aims of activity (children will be able to):

- Learn to recognise and distinguish between different languages and counting systems

Activities

1. The teacher shows children a birthday card and designs one with the children.
2. Children compare birthday cards of different countries (in different languages and writing systems (e.g., Arabic, Latin, Japanese) and speak about the different ways they wish other a happy birthday (e.g. different greeting formulations).
3. The teacher asks the children to show their age with their hands and adds other examples of people showing numbers with their hands (e.g. 1-5: raise the fingers one by one, starting with the index finger, the little finger or the thumb). Children observe and compare the different ways of showing numbers.

Resources needed to carry out the activity

- Birthday cards in different languages and writing systems
- Photos of people showing numbers with their hands (different manners)

Approximative time indication for activity

- Design a birthday card (30 minutes)
- Compare birthday cards of different countries (15 minutes)

Links to other activities:

- WRITING AN INVITATION (Early literacy skills, Story 6, activity 2)
- WRITTEN SIGNS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES (Early literacy skills, Story 6, activity 3)