

Class Party (Junior and Senior Infants)

Resources: Images of the juice drink, biscuit, strawberry and cupcake and images of 20 children

Strands: Grouping and sharing, counting, ordinal number

Activity: There are 20 children in the class. The teacher had a Halloween party and started to give out some treats. All pupils lined up and he gave a juice drink to the first child, a biscuit to the second child, a strawberry to the third child and a cupcake to the fourth child. He continued this until he had given something to each child. What did the seventh child get? What did the last child get?

Questions: What was the pattern in which the teacher was giving out the treats?

How many cupcakes did he give out?

How many cupcakes would he need if he wanted to give one to each pupil?

Challenge Questions:

- Did he give out the same number of cupcakes as strawberries?
- Was it fair the way he gave out the treats? Why or why not?
- If I wanted to receive a strawberry where could I stand?

Variations:

1. Change the pattern and/or number of children in the question.
2. Change the pattern so that the teacher gave a juice drink to every second child and a cupcake to every third child. What did the 12th child receive?

