

The Adventures of Sofie in Finland

We met Sofie in Athens for the first time, and she came back to Kuopio with us and met some of the teachers involved in the GEAR Project.



Sofie was really excited to meet the children in classes 1B and 5B.





Classes 1B and 5B are buddy classes, so they do lots of things together. Sofie went out for an autumn walk to explore the school grounds with them.

She is wearing her special yellow cap that acts as a reflector. All first graders in Finland get one. The yellow cap helps the children to be seen when the days get shorter and it is dark.



Sofie went to have a look at Sammakkolampi, which means Frog Pond in Finnish. It is right beside our school. The boys and girls were very excited to show her around. It was a rainy day, so they had given her a rain cover to stop her getting too wet. With her new friends, she climbed on top of one of the boulders in the playground. These boulders are very big stones that were left behind after the ice age when all the ice melted. Then she spent some time with her new friends in 1B learning how to read and write and do maths in English.



After a few days, Sofie came to spend some time with class 5B. She helped them to make games about the circulation system which was what they were learning about in science. She had some good ideas and had lots of fun with the boys.



Sofie was also very excited about the kite flying day because she knew that all her friends in her Belgian school would be doing the same activity.



Then Sofie left class 5B and spent some time making new friends in class 3B. After that, she spent the rest of her time in Finland with class 1C. She was really amazed when the snow came and enjoyed being outside in nature with them.



Then it was time to get ready to go to Mutriku with Tanja and Terhi. There she would meet up with her other doll and animal friends and be given another school to visit where she would meet new friends and have new adventures.