

Welcome back to The Willow after what we hope was a lovely Easter break for all. We say a special welcome to Christian, Jack, Aubrey and India who all settled in very quickly under the protective gaze of their older siblings.



We all got together for a special circle time on Wednesday as all of the older children taught our newcomers about our Golden Rules and used the parachute to demonstrate the fun we can have if we work as a team.

Sophia very kindly gave The Willow some lovely new books - "Odd Dog Out" and "Dogs don't do Ballet". They are both really great books and celebrate being different.



The children had messy fun with oats and shaving foam making them into silly cakes. Lulu started her RULER sessions again this week with the younger children, who all seemed to know that yellow is a happy colour.



For cooking the children used gross and fine motor skills to squeeze honey, grind chocolate and slice apricots before stirring it all into oats for some delicious flap jacks.



Wednesday afternoon was a great success! After smelling Wisteria and Bluebells then discussing shades and colour the children set about painting their own summer pictures.



For literacy, Sarah's group had fun whilst learning as they searched for objects hidden in the mud kitchen before placing them on the letter carpet.



Ada arrived back from Egypt ready to share her Show and Tell, she said "This is my teddy bear, it says, 'wake me up in the morning light'". We finished off the first week of term with a session of Sticky Kids, which they all loved.



Reminders:

- Our letter of the week next week will be 'v'.

- Our RULER words for the next two weeks are: Kind - being thoughtful & helpful to everyone and Caring - looking after others and making sure others are OK.
- Just to remind those who stay for lunch, please can we ask that no hummus is brought in and any cherry tomatoes or grapes are cut in half. Thank you.