

What a bumper week we've had with letter 'b'. The children brought in a bountiful array of 'b' objects. We had batman in a boat, beads, books, bananas, buckets and baby clothes to name but a few and some of the little ones brought in bees and an adorable bath soap dish. Well done everyone.

Tess showed some of the children a selection of beautiful birds on the iPad before the children set to task painting their own...



... some children used paper plates and we all used colourful paints and bright feathers to make some spectacular birds. They were attached to string so they could fly their way home. Caroline's group drew and cut out butterflies before decorating them with buttons and sequins.



One morning activity was painting with bugs. Emmet brought in a bug book and some bugs he found in his garden. His woodlouse and small snail have much enjoyed their week at the Willow! On another morning the children helped to make a bird feeder, we melted the lard and the children mixed in bird seed and crunchy worms and bugs. Lucky birds! Don't forget to hang them up in your garden.



Whilst playing in the garden, we found two boys having fun in a bucket and Bruce brought in a charming book all about the life of Bruce Lee. During singing with John, we had fun jingling and jangling the bells as we sang some songs.



We've had two especially delicious breaks. On Tuesday we buttered some bread and covered it with juicy blackberry jam and on Wednesday we had breadsticks dipped in cream cheese.



Lots of the children enjoyed using a variety of brushes to wash the walls and make different patterns.



Everyone planted a bulb to take home and we talked about the need for them to have water and sunlight to grow. Don't forget to look after them.



'Who lives in our garden?' has been our topic this week. Sarah turned the home corner into an award-winning Chelsea flower show garden. The children enjoyed playing with it all week. Digging up carrots, potatoes, arranging flowers and building on their imaginative play. Everyone made their own garden using paint, corks, tissue paper, pebbles and clay. Don't forget to water the cress and watch the magic happen.



The younger children had fun in the sun looking for bugs, beetles and butterflies. They enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to have a closer look. They also enjoyed digging up carrots and potatoes in the mud kitchen, counting as they found them.



Brilliant fun was had bouncing balls, throwing and catching balloons and blowing bubbles. Another afternoon activity was crushing blackberries in pestle and mortars before painting a cut out of a blackberry using the juice.



Clemmie and Vanya's group practised their cutting & snipping skills this week, as well as how to hold scissors safely. Jack was helped by Kate with his number skills while counting out strawberries and we celebrated Christian's 3rd birthday with some lovely cup cakes that his mother made.



Messy play this week involved playing with building blocks in shaving foam. The children loved it and tried to build tall towers using the foam as cement. Another activity was mixing coloured water using pipettes and jugs. Clemmie's group were treated to some pears from Margaux's grandparents garden. They enjoyed them with their breadsticks and cream cheese.



Ada's brought in her pink mobile phone for Show & Tell and told everyone that it makes a squeaky noise and when she tips it up you can see pictures. Cooking this week was seasonal blackberry and apple crumble made with apples given to us by Lulu, our ex-teacher. The children enjoyed cutting the fruit, making the crumble with butter and flour and sprinkling some sugar on top. We finished the week with a boogie to the 'Ugly Bug Ball'.



Reminders:

- Our letter of the week next week will be 'c'.
- Our topic is 'Woodland'.
- If you have any spare small or big yoghurt pots, cereal boxes, cat food tins and wallpaper, we would LOVE to have them.
- In Our RULER session we will be asking 'How do you feel?'
- 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.