

The Willow Newsletter Spring 2020

Week 2 January 13th - 17th

What a marvellous week we've had with 'm'. The letter of the week table was filled with a mass of objects, such as a monster machine, maracas, money, mugs a mixing bowl, motorbikes, mice and marble books. The older groups made magnificent mermaids and mermen in their group work time having looked at pictures of them on the iPad.



The children loved dancing around the maypole and one morning they put paint and marbles into a variety of different sized boxes, rolling the marbles around to make wonderful patterns.



On Monday the younger groups made 3D mushrooms. They did a great job at cutting their paper plates in half and then used sponges to paint them.



Our breaks this week have been very popular. We had melon, mango, mini rolls and Maryland cookies. Yum!





Monday's craft was making magical monsters, the children chose from a selection of materials to create their very own masterpiece.



Messy play was mud madness, they squelched and squished with their hands and a variety of tools.



Cooking this week was making delicious marmite and cheese pinwheels. They rolled the pastry, grated the cheese, and spread the marmite before snipping the chives and rolling them up. They smelt yummy. On another morning the children had the opportunity to draw their mummy.



We've started the term with the topic London, the children have amazed us with their knowledge of the city they live in and love. They have been enjoying learning the landmarks all around us and that London is our capital city. Each group worked as a team to create a famous landmark which has been displayed on our new Communication and Language board in the hall. The board also has comments that the children have

made and a poem they are learning about the London Eye. Please do come in and have a look. Last weekend Wolfie went on a visit to Tower Bridge to see it opening. If you visit any landmarks with your children please bring in some photos to share.



On the Fine Motor Skills table, the children enjoyed making letters, peeling and popping on a stamp, before posting them into a tiny red post box. At break time the children were encouraged to peel and slice their own banana before eating it. Good life-skills.



Sarah's group made their own paint at the mud kitchen. They enjoyed dressing into overalls before heading out to the mud kitchen where they scooped and stirred mud, added powder paint and water before mixing it all together. They then headed to our outdoor learning area where they used it to trace their name on a slice of tree trunk.



Afternoon school has been as creative as ever. The children have enjoyed moving to music, playing a multitude of maths activities, having fun with magnets and they worked in small teams to create a weather mobile.



Lunchtime is always a favourite time of day. This week the children practised good manners and pleasant conversation as they tucked in.



As the children arrived on Friday morning, they sliced bananas, added milk and whizzed all the ingredients together to make a creamy banana milkshake which was enjoyed at breaktime. Arthur had his show and tell, he brought in a wand and said "it's a green and black wand, I pretend to be Harry Potter". Freddy took part in an activity set up by Eglantine where they looked at a variety of animals and together sorted London wildlife from other animals. Freddy said "my favourite animal is the fox".



End of the morning on Friday was finished off with an around London role play. The children acted out rowing down the Thames, jumping on and off the bus and joined in with putting out the Great Fire of London as they did the actions for London's Burning.



Reminders:

- Our letter of the week next week will be 'n'.
- Our topic is 'London Buses'.
- Just to remind you, as per a previous email, normal drop off is now from 8.50-9.00am.
- We are very short on spare socks and tights, so if you have any unwanted ones at home, we would love them!
- We will continue with our RULER words - Brave & Happy