

What a practically perfect week we've had with 'p'. There were plenty of parrots, a panda, post-box, pumpkin, polar bear and pigs on the letter of the week table.

Everybody made particularly delightful peacocks on Monday. They drew and cut out the body and used handprints to create the feathers.



Instead of having a story Shazeda put on a puppet show, which the children really loved. After looking at penguins and discussing the parts of their bodies, such as flippers and the fact that they can't fly, the older groups drew and cut out their very own penguin to put inside their workbooks. For break on Thursday a delicious penguin biscuit was enjoyed. The children giggled along to the jokes written on the back of the packet before attempting to make up their own jokes.



We had plenty of treats for break this week. Pancakes on a plate and popcorn which the children enjoyed counting whilst they eat them. The police helmets that the children made at the art station were hugely popular and those that had made them on time wore them for our police officer visit.



The younger children played with the parachute, they enjoyed making it go up and down and hiding underneath as they played sleeping bunnies. One morning the children were given the opportunity to paint on a variety of pasta, making pretty patterns.



On Wednesday the children could chose something to polish, either brass or silver - they did a great job. A nice quiet activity to do at home on a rainy day. Figgy came in dressed up in an amazingly smart pirates' outfit.



A good exercise of practical life was offered on Thursday morning. The children could use clothes pegs to hang up the washing, good for strengthening little fingers. A plethora of patterns were made using Unifix and paper.



Harry's father (who used to be in the police) came in wearing his super smart police uniform to talk to the younger groups about life in the police force. On Wednesday the older children had a visit from three local police officers. On both visits the children enjoyed trying different parts of their uniform and using the walkie talkies. They gave the children a special message saying "we are your friends and when you see us remember to say hello".





The home corner was transformed into a post office. The children loved making their own post box to use for their role play, enjoyed using the inky stamps and in their groups the children wrote a letter, went for a walk around Grafton square in search of a post box, posted the letter and then eagerly awaited its return.



Much to everyone's excitement the letters arrived on Thursday morning. We gathered in our groups to sing 'I sent a letter to my love' before opening it up and reminding themselves of the lovely things they drew and wrote.



Messy play was marvellous, with paint and shaving foam to create puffy paint. It was squished and squelched with their hands or paint brushes.



Yoyo turned four, he very kindly brought in some yummy Oddbods chocolate cupcakes and blew out the candles after we sang happy birthday to him. In RULER this week the children made their charter which is hanging up in the hall. This is when the children talk about 'how they want to feel when they are at The Willow'.



On Monday one of the afternoon activities was using the building blocks to build a pirate ship. On Tuesday the children worked together to make one large paper chain, they wrote friendship notes about how they can be kind to their friends. Take a look, it is hanging up in the garden. On Wednesday the children used recycled milk

containers and flowerpots to plant a bulb. It will be their responsibility to look after it and watch it grow.



It was p for party time on Friday and the children came in and wrote and coloured in a party invitation. It was then time to do a spot of cooking - pitta bread pizzas. Peppers were cut, cheese was grated and passata was spread to make a delicious looking lunch. The party began in earnest with penguin biscuits and popcorn at break, followed by some dancing, party games and a play in the garden.



Reminders:

- Our letter of the week next week will be 'q'.
- We will be learning about the Queen and Buckingham Palace.
- Just to remind you normal drop off is now from 8.50-9.00am.
- We are now getting very low on milk foil tops

- Our RULER words for the next two weeks will be - Disappointed - sad when something didn't happen the way you wanted it to happen (low in energy & not very pleasant) & Angry - very upset with someone who did something you did not like (high in energy & not very pleasant).