

Outcomes:

To mark the passing of the late sovereign

To understand the significance of the death of the longest serving British sovereign

To understand that people can grieve for people they have never met/known

To have an opportunity to talk about death and dying

To share a common experience

To know how to behave in such circumstances

**Report:**

We drove to Sandringham on the Thursday, one week following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Prince William and Kate were due to visit the estate to see the flowers that had been left in her honour, so we were expecting not to be able to get onto the estate. Despite our worst fears, the traffic was good on the journey there and the organisation once we arrived on the estate, was exemplary. We parked the car and walked into the grounds, where we followed the crowds, which took us down to the main gate. The area in front was a sea of flowers, teddies, corgis and, of course, Paddingtons. The mood was sombre but friendly and a lot of dog-stroking was undertaken. Both staff and children were pleased they'd made the effort to mark a significant event in our lifetimes.

Quotes:

I've never seen so many flowers!

Look at all the Paddingtons!

What lovely messages people have written.

