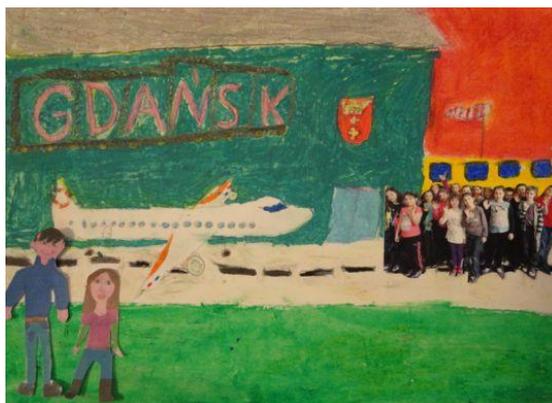


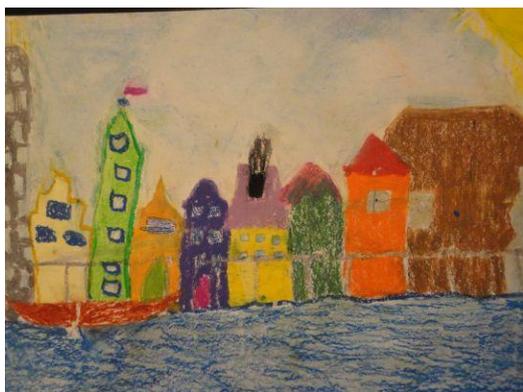
## Chapter 25 Visit in Koszalin, Poland

Marc and Sophie come to Poland.  
We welcome them at the airport in  
Gdansk.

The train goes to Koszalin in a few hours, so  
we invite our friends to walk around  
Gdansk.



First we visit Old City, where is the old port  
crane (Zuraw Gdanski) built in 1444.

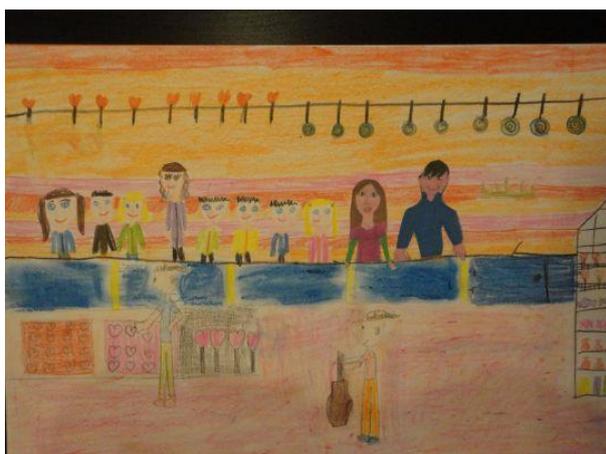


Next eating delicious ice cream, we go  
to Neptun statue.

This statue was made of bronze in 1633.  
At the same time it is a fountain. It  
presents the king of sea. It is a favourite  
meeting place for tourists.



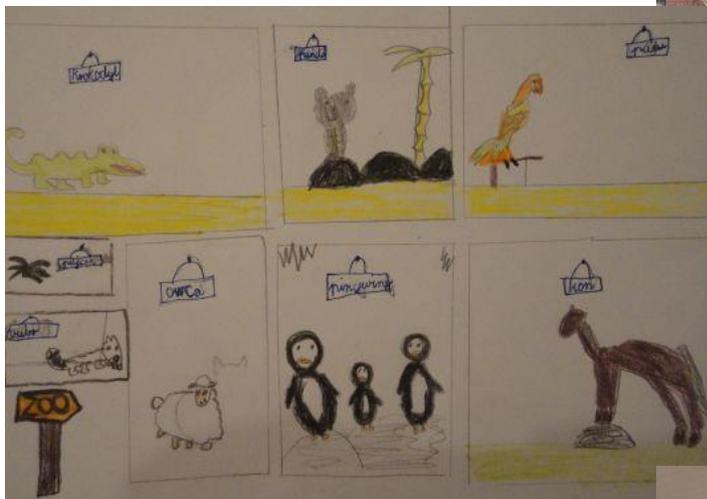
The sweetest surprise for Marc and  
Sophie is the visit in a sweets factory  
named 'Ciuciu', which is on Long  
Street. They make all the sweets by  
hands there.



We also can make tasty lollipops for ourselves.



Next we go to the zoo. It is a very beautiful zoological garden. It is a great attraction in Gdansk. It's a good place for time with kids, romantic walks and education.



Its area is 136 hectares big and located on the edge of Trojmiejski Park. It started to work in 1954.

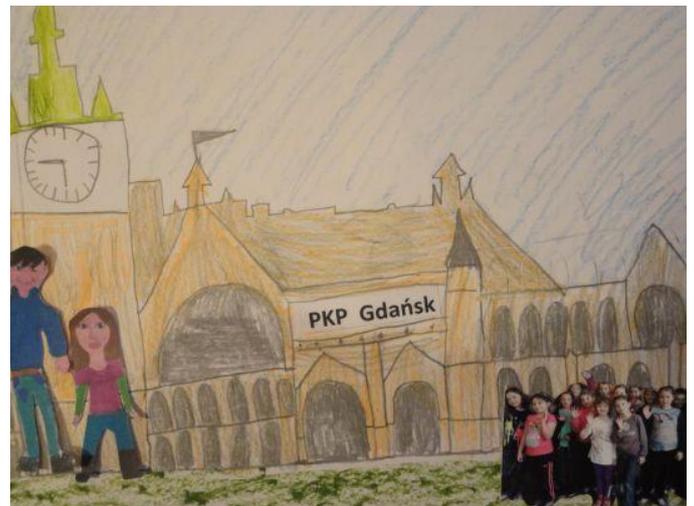
In the zoo there are animals from all continents. Here we can watch the species which don't exist in wildlife any more like antelope Bongo. There are more than thousand animals.



'Oh it's time to go now', Sophie says as she looks at her watch.

We quickly go to the train station and say goodbye to our guests. We enjoyed the time with our new friends.

Now Marc and Sophie get on the train to Koszalin. In the town the next class of the Polish school wants to help find the missing dove.



The children in Koszalin talk about the meeting: 'Oh, look! We have a message from our friends visiting Gdańsk.'

*Hi! Marc and Sophie are going now to Koszalin. Pick them up from the train station. Class 2a*

At the train station at once we can see Marc and Sophie.



We invite them for a walk to our school.

The way takes us 20 minutes. Everyone wants to talk to the new friends. Walking to school, we pass our church.

'Look, here we had our first holy communion and we come here with our families every Sunday.'





Then we go through a huge bridge.

'Look, there in the valley, we have a great playground and sports fields. Here we meet after school when the weather is nice.' The children talk about all the places they go past.



'And here under the bridge you can see our Dzierzecinka River. It is quite small, but clean and it flows down to the Baltic Sea.'



'Oh, there are many ducks, maybe our dove is among them?' thinks Sophie.

'No, there are better places where we can find it. We can go there later', answer the children and suggest: 'First you need to rest after the journey'.

'And eat something'

'Well, and see our school. Look there, on the hill you can see our school sport fields.'



Children come to school.



They look up in the bird feeder, which stands in the school garden. There we feed birds in winter. They look if the dove eats bread. But



unluckily, it doesn't...



They come into school.

'Wow', Marc even opens his mouth.

'Where did you get so many cups?' asks Sophie.

We talk about our students, who won them in competitions, show them the gallery of artworks in the

hall, and in the library books with the Polish legends



We take them also to our classroom.

Our teacher has a delicious surprise for us today - doughnuts. It's Shrove Thursday, so we have to eat lots of doughnuts. Yummy!

Marc and Sophie also eat doughnuts with us. We think they



like them because they ask for more.

After lessons we take Marc and Sophie to the canteen. We eat lunch to be strong enough to look for the dove. Today for lunch there is our favorite tomato soup and pork chop with potatoes and beetroot salad, and for that plum compote.



'After the meal, you go with our younger class to the town centre. There are a lot of pigeons, so you will find our dove of peace.'

Looking for the dove, from the school they go to the park. By the Dzierzencinka River, on a bridge lovers hang their padlocks.



On the grass we can see the first spring flowers.

Then we pass the post office.

Looking for the dove we get to the Executioner's House.



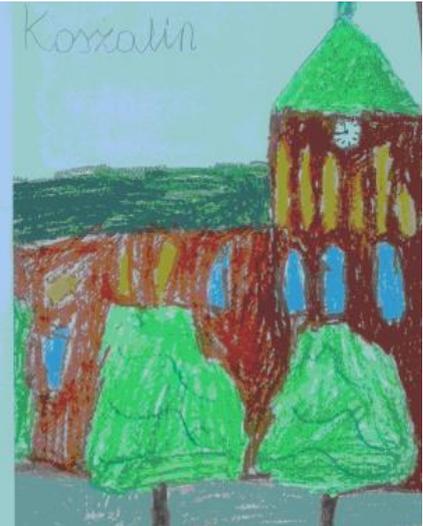
Today there is the Dialogue Theatre, but once there lived a real

executioner. We can even wear his outfit. The lady in the house tells us that pigeons are in the square in the town centre.

Next to the cathedral we can see the statue of John Paul II.

And opposite, there's a popular ice cream cafe. We must try if the ice creams are good.

Yum yummy .... :).



Now we are in the centre, at the town hall. At 12 o'clock we can hear the bugle call and watch the flags.



The flag of Poland



The flag of Koszalin

'In the evenings at the town hall there are colorful fountains', say the children.

'But we can't wait so long. We have to find the dove', explains Marc.



A good fortune teller tells us to see the town from the town hall tower.

'Where is our dove?'



Again we can only see a feather. But we don't give up....

Maybe the dove flies to Koszalin concert hall. We look for it everywhere.



Mr. Robert Wasilewski – the hall's manager lets us go to see the rehearsal of Bizet's Carmen, because maybe there we can find the dove's feather.



What a nice concert! The concert hall in Koszalin is really great. Marc and Sophie are happy. Mr Wojciech Kasprzyk - Vice-President of Koszalin tells us what happens in Koszalin - lots of cultural events, activities for children in the youth's palace, the amphitheater or the concert hall. Soon we will have in our town the Center of Learning 'Small Kopernik', too. Marc and

Sophie listen with attention. They seem to forget about the dove for a while.



Right now we walk through the park.



Marc can see swans, and Sophie ducks.

Koszalin has a lot of green places where we can meet birds.

Koszalin is a town full of trees and green areas.



Some trees are protected and have special signs saying they're the monuments of nature.

In the city center is a huge park with a beautiful fountain.



The fountain in the park is a favourite place for a rest in summer.



Through the park flows the river Dzierzecinka.

On the river there is also an artificial lake.



In summer we can enjoy water sports here.

The park amphitheater is a place where interesting events are organized.



In this area of town there are made nice 'flower carpets'.



Some flowers growing in the park are also under protection.



In the town and around Koszalin there are many bicycle routes.

By bike we can get to different places of interest and enjoy the nature. It is possible to find our dove somewhere in the nature.

The school children want Marc and Sophie to choose where to go now.



We choose to go to the top of Chelmska Hill.





There we try to look for the dove.

It's difficult to find a little bird in a big forest.



The sad children come back from the Chelmska Hill and quickly run to the station.



They get on the minibus and start talking.



'I'm sure, we must go to the seaside', says Sophie.

'I think so, too.' says Marc.

The children saw the sea from the tower on Chelmska Hill, so they want to go to Mielno.





On the way Marc and Sophie don't speak at all. They are very quiet and concentrated.

We get there fast. When we get off, we don't know where to go.

'Let's think', Marc says with a thoughtful voice. 'Where are many birds?'

'Hm we must start here', answers Sophie slowly walking towards the beach.



Going on the main street, we pass lots of clothes, souvenirs and food shops. When we come to the gates of an amusement park, we decide to get into.

There is a roller coaster, a millwheel, minicars or even a fear house, but nowhere can we find the dove of peace.



After having fun in the park, we feel hungry. As we meet a first restaurant, we go there to eat a fast meal.



Just in that moment we can see flying birds. We rapidly run out and follow the birds, but they disappear.

Worried and tired we sit on a bench.

We look ahead, and see the statue of a walrus.



Marc and Sophie still have the hope. They stand up at the same time and look at each other. They know where to look! Everything is clear like in a puzzle.

Birds, walruses and water, everything shows that they need to look on the beach. We take the shoes off and go on the sand.

We don't see many people. But suddenly a lot of birds fly above our heads.

Sadly, there are only seagulls.





Marc and Sophie again don't see the dove of peace.

Fortunately, Marc and Sophie are strong and single-minded. They want to go along the coast.



The temperature isn't too high, but some people still swim in the sea.

The swimmers shout to Marc and Sophie, but the children are too busy to hear what they say.

After five minutes of walking, Marc nearly loses his hope. But Sophie is determined and walks further. The boy doesn't oppose and walks behind her.

Suddenly something shines in the sand.

'That is probably glass', thinks Sophie.



And to her wonder Marc starts to walk faster to the shiny thing.



But it is just a bottle.

'Wow! It's a bottle with in it' Marc and Sophie know where to go...

There's something inside.

a map and the feather look at the map. They

