

Every week is a busy one at St Martin's Garden Primary School, whether we are in school or learning from home. So we thought we'd take the opportunity to share our learning with you.

Plum Class (Reception)

This week in Plum class we took our final journey on our flying carpet, all the way to China! We have celebrated Chinese New Year by listening to Chinese music, watching a dragon dance, using chopsticks, making dragon masks, making money wallets and creating shape dragons! In phonics, we have focused on the high frequency words for reading and spelling. In maths we have been measuring length, height and time in various ways, including making play dough snakes and measuring height and length using paperclips and cubes. Have a restful half term break!



Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon Tree we have been practicing our alphabet and recapping all of our sounds from phases 2, 3 and 5. In maths, we have been working on our number bonds to 20 and using tens frames and numicon to help us. Also, we have been looking at money with some pancake maths. This week we moved like animals in PE; we talked about how to stay safe on the internet as part of

Safer Internet Day; we learnt about the differences between firefighters past and present and created some Chinese New Year Lanterns.



Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

This week we reached the end of our lovely story which we can now reveal is called 'The Princess and the White Bear King' written by Tanya Robyn Batt.

The children predicted what they thought might happen at the end of the story and added wonderful details. We have been busy thinking about if the ending was fair. The children have written questions to ask the Troll Queen, remembering to use question marks. Also we have looked at adjectives to describe the Princess and the Troll Queen.

In Maths this week we have been counting in 10's, practising sharing and grouping equally. In Science we have been looking at food chains.



Bronze Class

This week, Bronze class have been on an adventure to China! We have been finding China on a globe and learning about Chinese New Year. We have watched dragon dancing, made dragon puppets and practised using scissors to make lanterns. We have learnt how to say 'Happy New Year' in Chinese and have experienced using chopsticks to catch noodles! In maths, we have been learning about capacity and filling containers whilst using the language full, empty and half full.

Have a restful half term break!



Silver Class

This week Silver class have been learning about the Chinese New Year animal story and finding out which animal is linked to our year of birth. We made dragons from 2D shapes and learnt how to write and say Happy New Year in Chinese. For English we have been practicing our phonics and learnt the phoneme 'ur'. In maths we have been counting in tens.

We enjoyed water play and pouring water to the song 'London's burning' and making cookies in our Pudding Lane bakery.



Gold Class Gold class have had a fantastic final week of term! We finished writing our own version of our African tale in English, we explored the lives of Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs and realised it wasn't all luxurious. We did fantastic djembe drumming as a class where we combined four complex drumming patterns into a sequence and recorded our performance - which was amazing! We have also earned many rewards, such as junk modelling and playing on the big field. So much hard work and so much fun! Gold class should be very proud of themselves for their efforts.



Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

It's been an absolute pleasure seeing all your work this week Pine Class! In English, we concluded our story of Jemmy Button by re-telling it from his perspective. In Maths, we started the new topic of time and studied months, years, days and weeks. In our Learning Enquiry lesson we were archaeologists, first pretending to be Howard Carter discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun. We then observed his discoveries and considered why they might be important. In Science, we compared human and animal skeletons and named the key bones in a human body. Well done for being heroes this term and have a lovely break!



Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

Another term of wonderful learning. In English, we have considered the thoughts and feelings of the main characters as our story progresses. We have built a raft to save the boy and the bear. I have enjoyed looking at your designs and models on Class Dojo—well done if you made your model float. We have concluded our text, 'The Boy and a Bear on a Boat' by Dave Shelton. What did you think of the ending? In Maths, we have thought about graphs and charts—great learning. We have been researching the life of Howard Carter in Learning Enquiry and investigating forces in Science lessons. We thoroughly enjoyed this week's Duncan Beedie art lesson. Have a wonderful half term.



Willow Class (Year 5 & 6) The end of another amazing term of learning both at home and in school. We are all so very proud of your achievements. This week has been as busy as usual; we enjoyed a very interesting Internet Safety Day lesson to remind ourselves how to stay safe online and more great drawings have been added to our growing gallery of Art. In Maths this week we have begun looking at units of measure and converting between them. Our biography writing skills have been honed within our Inquiry into the famous archaeologist Howard Carter. We have made observations of our mummified tomatoes in Science and continued exploring Forces. With the extremely cold weather we have all been staying warm by working-out with Joe Wicks and skipping. We are still winning on TTRS! Keep up the fantastic effort, have a safe rest and see you in Term 4.



Platinum Class

This week in Platinum we have worked hard again. In Maths the children have continued to hone their multiplication skills before we move onto new topics. We loved mummifying tomatoes in our Enquiry lesson and we are excited to see what they will look like after the half term break! In DT we have been recreating Egyptian jewellery again, this time with some impressive wire-work. We have also celebrated Safer Internet Day, Pancake Day (a little early but they had earned a reward for their Sapphire Power!) and taken a closer look at Judaism in our RE Day. We kept active not only at playtimes but also in Science where we were checking our heart rate before and after exercise and also in our yoga session. Well done Platinum—have a well deserved break!



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