

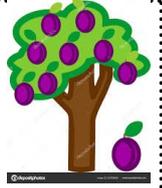


St Martin's Garden Learning Week

Every week is a busy one at St Martin's Garden Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each class.

Plum Class (Reception)

The children have been amazing in their first week together in Plum class. They have been busy making new friends, exploring their environment and getting to know some structures and routines. They have begun to self-register by sticking their plum to the plum tree. We have been doing some counting and sung the alphabet song. We have started to look at the days of the week and next week we will be talking about the weather. It has been full of fun!



Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon Tree we have been focusing on our new class book 'Here we are' By Oliver Jeffers. We have learnt all about space and the planets as well as exploring our own planet using Google Earth. We have been writing lists of things we would take into space and practicing all of our sounds in phonics. We created some bubble blowing art paintings and in maths we have been practicing using one more and one less and giving our answers in full sentences!



Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

What a lovely week we have had! Oak Class are really beginning to settle into their new class and make friends.



We have been focusing on learning our place value and counting in 1's, 10's and working out how many 10's and 1's are in 2-digit numbers.

In English we have been looking at the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and have been thinking of ideas to write in a travel brochure .

We have created beautiful moon pictures inspired from our book.

Bronze Class

Bronze class have been settling into a new routine and have joined in with some structured activities. We have welcomed new children into our class. We have enjoyed number rhymes and body songs to link to our learning enquiry 'Incredible Me'. We have been reading 'It's OK to be different' by Todd Parr, looked at our faces and talked about how they are all different. We have been playing body part matching games, made pictures of our faces and began attention bucket sessions.



Silver Class Wow! What an exciting start to life in Silver Class! We have started the term with lots of individualised learning following the TEACCH philosophy as well as some whole class sessions about getting to know each other and establishing routines. We are following the whole school theme and using the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers as a base for lots of our learning. Using sensory materials we created our planet earth, a moon and together as a group collaboration piece, we made a huge sun.



Gold Class

Gold Class have had a fantastic start to the year and have all settled back into school really well. We have been thinking about the question 'What is our planet like?' by looking at the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have discussed the environment and made posters about stopping pollution. We enjoyed taking our new sketchbooks outside to do



some observational drawing of leaves and flowers. In Music, we started exploring the different sounds we can make with our bodies to create body percussion. In Science, we found out about the nutrients we get from different types of food.

Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

A fabulous start to the year for Pine Class! All the children have settled in well and are being the best they can be.

In English, we have started our new text, 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. Children have been working towards writing their own list poem based on a special place.



In our learning enquiry, we have been identifying the 7 continents. Children were also very excited about starting their new sketch books. Keep up the good work!

Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

What an amazing start to this academic year. All the children in Aspen class have engaged positively with their learning.

In English, we have written wonderful poetry about our favourite places inspired by our new text, 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have been exploring the position of the Earth and other planets in our Science lessons.

Our maths learning based around Roman Numerals has been great fun.

We have been learning about primary, secondary and tertiary colours in our art lessons.

The children were enthusiastic during our P.E. lessons, demonstrating a good level of understanding of netball. Well done.



Willow Class (Year 5 & 6)

Wow! What an amazing first week (and a half) back in school. Thank you so much to all the children and families who have made me feel so welcome.

St. Martin's Garden is a fantastic place to teach and learn; I look forward to the rest of the year. This week in Maths, Willow Class have been exploring Roman numerals and looking at the place value of digits in numbers to 10,000. Using the text 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers we have looked at the features of poetry and independently written poems about our favourite places. We also explored the planets of our solar system in Science. The Learning Enquiry inspired by this book has lead us to investigate lines of latitude and longitude in Geography. During Art, we created colour wheels, identifying primary, secondary and tertiary colours. P.E. this term is about our fitness and we will be playing cricket.



Platinum Class

Our Term 1 book is 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, which arrived by special delivery in a far corner of the school grounds! We will be using it in our English, Science and Geography based Enquiry lessons and as inspiration for our Art lessons to come. This week we learnt about what our planets land is like from mountains to marshland and plateau to glaciers, before having a closer look at volcanoes. Maths will be all about Place Value for a few weeks, plus we are introducing our daily Maths Knowledge Meetings to catch up on key skills and facts. In Art we did some mindful wool winding on card and in Music we started to learn about body percussion. We have had two PE sessions outdoors - plus daily GoNoodle and the Friday Run, ensuring we get the children 'huffing and puffing' as much as possible!



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