

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)

This week, as part of our Learning Enquiry we have been focusing on the theme of 'land and sea.' We have looked at different habitats and matched animals to the correct one. We have learnt some new songs, including one about a caterpillar, a camel song and one about a frog. In phonics, we have learnt some new sounds and the tricky words 'no' and 'go.' We have looked at the changes in the seasons and talked about the signs of Autumn. We have tried writing the names of different animals. We enjoyed keeping fit and active in the garden and relaxing to unwind after a long day!



Lemon Class (Year 1)

In Lemon Tree this week, we have been learning about movement and how things move in different ways on our planet. We were inventors for an afternoon and designed, created and labelled our own vehicles. We have been focusing on addition in maths and we have been learning how to count on and add in our heads! We have created our own stories and performed them in teams and we have been practicing writing on the line and remembering our finger spaces to improve our handwriting.



Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

We have had a fun week. Oak class have re-created Van Gogh's Starry Night painting using pastels. Everyone had one part of the painting and we are looking forward to piecing the painting back together to see what it looks like. In English we have been thinking about using question marks and writing questions linked to the book 'Traction Man is here' written by Mini Grey. During Maths we are continuing to use a number line or 100 square to add and subtract numbers. We are continuing to practise our skipping and love our new skipping ropes.



Bronze Class

This week in Bronze class we have continued to learn about our senses and experiencing autumn. We have been using the conkers we collected on our walk to practise counting and have been printing with autumn leaves. We have also enjoyed using the tweezers to rescue the conkers from our autumn tray. We have continued to learn about the sense of touch, by exploring materials and describing them as well as reading touch and feel stories. We really enjoyed our tasting activities and Bronze class adults were proud of the children who tried pineapple, raspberries, pear, mango and watermelon. We have been painting to music and playing sound lotto games. What a busy week!



Silver Class

This week in Silver class we have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We've made our own character puppets big, medium and small owls. During our fun 'Bucket time' we jumped off a stool and tried to fly like an owl! We have been practising the phonic sounds that we have learnt so far. For maths we have been creating our own addition sums using domino spots. During our walk we learnt why the leaves are changing colour and falling off the trees. We ordered the four seasons and know it is now Autumn. Many of us had our flu immunisation this week and we were very brave.



Gold Class

It has been another super week of learning in Gold Class! In our Enquiry lessons we have been learning to name and location of the world's seven continents and five oceans, and working in teams to make our own maps of the world. In Art, we looked at another painting by Vincent van Gogh 'sunflowers' and created our own sunflower paintings. We have been enjoying reading our class novel 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl, and imagining making our own marvellous medicines! We have also had lots of fun keeping active with football skills and relay races.



Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

Well done Pine Class for being the best you can be this week! In English we have started our new story of 'Oliver and Seawigs' by P. Reeve and S. McIntyre. They made great predictions about what will happen next. In Science we observed different microhabitats around the school grounds. Children thoroughly enjoyed making their own maps of the school site in Enquiry this week. Children also sat some assessments this week and should be extremely proud of all that they have achieved.



Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

Another fabulous week in Aspen class. We have been making informative posters in English lessons and continued with our addition and subtraction learning during maths. Our skipping scores continue to improve and we are continuing to develop our netball skills. During Learning Enquiry lessons, we have been using four-figure grid references with more confidence and created our own maps to practise our new skills. During art lessons, we continued to be inspired by Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and have also created our own 3D starry night. We have also been experimenting with different ways of painting swirls to look like the stars.



Willow Class (Year 5 & 6) Great effort and achievement in Willow this week, well done everyone for trying your best in all areas of learning. Maths this week has been about negative numbers in context and counting backwards and forwards through zero. Our documentary scripts are coming along and we have used IT to independently research our chosen subject about the world's oceans and seas. Our Skip2Befit sessions in P.E. are proving to not only be great fun but a challenge to beat our personal best each time. Our 'Starry Night' paintings are complete and look amazing! We are going to explore a different medium next week to interpret this painting in another way. In Science, we have looked at air resistance and gravity.



Platinum Class The children in Platinum have made us very proud this week. They approached their assessments calmly and showed us how well they can focus. They were rewarded for their hard work with lots of fun games and activities such as bubble-making—we even planted a blueberry bush that was gifted to us from Skip2Befit! In Enquiry they have continued to build on their knowledge of our planet—from naming the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn to the capital cities around the globe. We have kept them active with more football and relay races plus some of them have been doing the 2min Skipping challenge and showing improvement. In Art they were able to choose their own medium to produce their final piece inspired by 'Starry Night'—with fantastic results!



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