

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)

In Plum tree this week, we have continued learning about land and sea by looking at different animals, we have been thinking about their initial letter sounds too. In phonics, we have learnt the next set of letters (please see the letter home about how to support with phonics and reading). In maths, we have used sponge printing to represent dice patterns 1-6. The children had great fun making slime with Miss Hagel. We have been singing Autumn songs and learnt an action song called 'Grandma Rap.' The children have had a very busy start to school and are ready for a well earned rest.



## Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon Tree, we have been learning about Halloween and completing lots of spooky activities! We have created our own fruit Halloween smoothies and written instructions and recipes. In art, we created some cobweb pictures, focusing on line, shape and patterns. In maths we have been practicing halving and doubling numbers and telling the time using 'o'clock' and 'half past'. We also read some Halloween stories and learnt about adjectives when writing setting description sentences.



## Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

What a busy term we have had and Oak Class have worked extremely hard and remained focused right up until the end of term. Well Done! This week we have focused on using our phonics to read real and nonsense words. The children have been planning and writing their own new adventure for Traction Man, thinking of their own character and setting. This is based on the story of 'Traction Man is here' written by Mini Grey. We performed our explorer dance as each group thought of their own dance sequence related to a moon adventure. They were fantastic!



**Bronze Class** What a 'spooky' week in Bronze Class this week! We have enjoyed reading 'Funnybones' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg and talked lots about the concept of day and night. We have enjoyed lots of Funnybones and Halloween inspired activities including skeleton jigsaws, making skeleton pictures with white chalk and straws, hammering pins into pumpkins, pumpkin printing and using our light box to look at x-rays to find the bones. In maths we have continued practising counting objects to 10 and particularly enjoyed pegging legs onto pretend spiders! This term we have learnt the sounds s, a, t, p, i and n and it would be great if you can continue practising saying and writing these sounds at home.



## Silver Class

Silver class have been having lots of fun making Halloween crafts including apple printed pumpkins, leaf printed ghosts, mixing magic potions by spraying, squeezing and squirting different lotions. Some children have been reading about the history of Halloween and answering comprehension related questions. On our walk we collected sticks to make a witches' broomstick, we have listened to songs about trick or treat and enjoyed a skeleton dance for our movement break. During our 'Bucket Time' a glittery, bendy spider appeared and so did some silhouettes of flying bats amongst the flour shaking! In maths we mixed together numbers and symbols to work out the secret spells. Sadly the ScootFit day was postponed but we had fun during our weekly session on the balance bikes in the main hall. A long but wonderful term - well done to everyone, sticker prizes all round!



## Gold Class

It has been a lovely end to the term in Gold Class. At the start of the week, we received letters from Beegu (from the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon) in her alien language. We had to use a code to work out what she wanted, and discovered she was asking us to make her a guide to Planet Earth! In Maths, we read the book 'How many legs?' by Kes Gray and then did lots of problem solving that involved adding together the legs of different animals. In Science, we learned all about muscles and how they help us to move. We also enjoyed playing a friendly football match against Platinum Class in PE!



## Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

Another busy week in Pine Class and a lovely end to the term. In English we continued our work on 'Oliver and the Sea Wigs', acting out sarcasm. In Maths we started work on column addition. It would be great if you could practise this further over half term! We related our art to 'Oliver and the Sea Wigs', designing a new Sea Wig for Cliff. In

Science, we concluded our work on habitats by studying different food chains. Another lovely week and an outstanding term!



## Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

We've had another great week of learning in Aspen class. We have learnt more about the fabulous Sir Tom Moore and written a biography about his life. During maths lessons, we have continued adding and subtracting.

This week, we learnt lots about Hinduism. We investigated how a Hindu worships at home and made links with other religions. We also discovered why Hindus go on pilgrimages to the River Ganges.

Our skipping continues to improve and we rounded off our netball learning with a class match which ended in a draw.



## Willow Class (Year 5 & 6)

We can hardly believe we have got to the end of Term 1, and what an amazing amount of learning we have done! In Maths, we have explored negative numbers and have moved on to Addition and Subtraction of increasingly big numbers. Our documentary writing has included, speech, directions and interviews; all ready to be filmed with our new ipads next term. Despite the rain, we have completed our fitness runs and skipping and we are all feeling the benefits. We have enjoyed an RE Day where we discussed and wrote about the Islamic faith. We cannot wait to begin Term 2 and all the new great learning opportunities starting with Multiplication and Division in Maths. Keep playing TTRS!



**Platinum Class** - We have had a really good last week of term. In English we completed our work on 'Here We Are' by recreating the book in the form of a postcard, complete with a stamp and some wonderful pictures on the front. In Maths we have cracked some Halloween codes. We finished off our Learning Enquiry with a focus on mountains and a look at how to look after our planet by tackling plastic waste and pollution.

The children did incredibly well in their last football lesson by playing a match against Gold—it was a 0-0 draw!



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