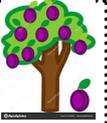


Every week is a busy one at St Martin's Garden Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each class.

## Plum Class (Reception)

Our story this week was 'The Little Red Hen.' We used our phonic knowledge to sound out words, make them with magnets then write them down. We have learnt some new tricky words, we, me and be. We created Little Red Hen pictures using large and small grains of wheat, and made 3D windmills with moving blades. In PE we learnt some new games involving team skills and turn taking. We have begun putting together the Christmas show, 'A Wriggly Nativity.'



## Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon Tree we have been learning about tens and ones in maths and using dienes to create different numbers. We have been writing our own stories from the perspective of our character 'The Dark' from 'Orion and The Dark.' In Learning Enquiry, we learnt all about the Georgian Era including their homes, their clothing and how life was different, linking this to Georgian architecture in Bath. We created and decorated our own Georgian fans to send secret messages with as they did in ballrooms of the period. We have learnt the sounds 'u-e' and 'are' in our phonics lessons this week and have been trying hard to use our tricky words in our sentences. We have begun rehearsing our nativity this week and cannot wait to learn more of the songs and story next week.



## Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

This week Oak Tree Class have really enjoyed meeting the author Duncan Beedie via zoom. They loved hearing him read the book he wrote called 'The Last Chip' which is set in Bristol and has pictures that many of the children could identify with. Duncan Beedie also taught Oak Tree how to draw Percy the Pigeon from the book and the children were all highly engaged and asked many fantastic questions. This book linked nicely with our Learning Enquiry, and we have been learning about why Bath Abbey is important and discovered that the first recorded King of England was crowned there! Also we have been busy learning about punctuation marks this week and have been practising how to write questions and exclamation sentences. In Maths we have been continuing to add and subtract and looked at the column subtraction method. During PE the children have been busy practising jumping and in Science this week we have been looking at what metal and glass could be used for.



## Bronze Class

Another fun-filled week of learning! On Tuesday, Bronze class was really engaged by a zoom meeting with author Duncan Beedie drawing their own bears alongside the story telling of 'The Bear Who Stares'. In English we linked our learning about transport to the story of the 'The Magic Train Ride' and thought about where we would like to go. In maths, we learnt the 'How Many on the Bus?' song which helped us learn counting on and back from 20 checking how many passengers had hopped on or off. Also, we read 'Super Cat's Road Safety Story' and loved her rap to help us remember to: 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think'.



## Silver Class

This week in Silver class we have continued our enquiry about the past and what 'old' and 'new' means by looking at trains from the past. We used watercolour to paint a choice of either an old steam train or a fast new train. We discussed how the railway in Bath was built during Queen Victoria's time. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to meet a real-life author on our first ever zoom meeting. Duncan Beedie read to us his book 'Oof' and then he taught us, step by step, to draw a lizard. We were amazed that we got to meet an author of a book that we have in our classroom. During our English sessions we read the Town and Country Mouse fable and enjoyed an interactive version. We looked at how Bath is different from the countryside and sorted images of things that we would find in the countryside and city. Attention autism was fun, we made rainbow rail tracks from paint and a squeegee. We also used a wooden railway track to join the letters of the alphabet and numbers written in words.



## Gold Class

Gold class have had a fantastic week and earned many gems for their great work. The class reward was making clay monsters! We loved our zoom call with author Duncan Beedie and we were very entertained when he took our suggestions of what to draw. After using our senses to write descriptively, focusing on adjectives and adverbs, we finished writing our very impressive Roman diaries.



## Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

Another busy week in Pine Class! We started the week with a visit from author Duncan Beedie who showed us the story 'Molly's Moth Mission'. The children loved finding out about the processes involved in writing and drawing a story book. We also had the chance to draw our own picture of Molly the Moth. In English we used onomatopoeia to create a Sea Monkey chant. Children used body percussion to accompany their work. In our Learning Enquiry lesson we considered



the impact the Romans had on Britain. In Science we conducted an experiment, using Newton meters to discover how friction works. Keep up the good work Pine Class!

## Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

What another amazing week of learning! On Monday, author Duncan Beedie, visited us over zoom and told us all about the books he has written and illustrated. He then gave us a step-by-step lesson of how to draw two of his characters, this was tremendous fun.



We have continued to investigate multiplication and division in maths lessons and used adjectives to describe a character's feelings in English lessons.

We have been investigating the reasons that Bath has been given UNESCO World Heritage status and looking at how the Georgians planned and built such a wonderful place.

**Willow Class (Year 5 & 6)** What an exciting week for Willow! We enjoyed a very interesting virtual workshop with the author and illustrator Duncan Beedie who spoke about his work creating picture books for children. He then led us through the process of



creating one of his characters and we tried our hand at showing a variety of facial expressions. In Maths we have practised our short division skills ready to move onto fractions next week. Our writing this week has been focussed on understanding the characters in 'King of the Sky' by Nicola Davies and analysing a poem. We have created a timeline of human habitation in Bath and discovered some very interesting events! In Art we are using the style of Banksy to create our own graffiti piece with a social message about migration.

**Platinum Class** This week in Platinum we have again had a wide variety of learning experiences. In English the children did a drama activity to help them understand the emotions of the main characters in 'Pugs of the Frozen North' ahead of writing their diary entry. The children enjoyed the author visit zoom call and came up with some really good suggestions for future book ideas. We learnt about the Atlantic Slave Trade in Enquiry and learnt about how some Bristol citizens helped bring about its abolition. They also had some excellent discussions about what makes up a village, town and city as part of the Geography strand of our Enquiry. We're very proud of all their learning - lots of stickers, rewards and even a candy-floss making session were earned. Well done Platinum!



**A positive difference, everyday, everyone.**