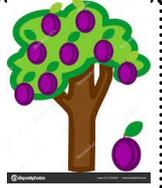


Every week is a busy one at St Martin's Garden Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each class.

Plum Class (Reception)

Well done to the Plum class children for completing their first full week at school. They have been amazing and deserve a well earned rest this weekend. We have learnt 4 sounds this week— s,a,t and p, as well as the words a, as, an. We are continuing to work on recognising our names for self registration. We went on the balance bikes again, but this time we went outside in the playground. We were focusing on staying at a safe distance from our friends. We planted daffodil bulbs in the garden, to enjoy in the spring. We have been counting to 10 and back again using Numicon.



Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon class we have been learning all about difference and diversity and discussed the similarities and differences of people around world. We have learnt about endangered and extinct animals and what we can do to help stop this from happening in the future. We have followed instructions to draw different animals step by step and completed our own writing based on the story 'Ronald the Rhino'.

 In maths we have been working on the part-part-whole model, using addition and subtraction to find our answers.

Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

What a lovely week we have had in Oak Tree Class this week.

We have been looking at maps and finding where we live. We also learnt the names of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.

We have been busy writing addition sentences using tens and ones in our maths.

In English we have continued to practise our letter writing skills and think about what we like in our school environment.

We have continued our beautiful moon pictures using water colour paints and created texture using pva glue. They are coming together beautifully.



Bronze Class

In Bronze class this week we have been reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have then labelled body pictures and have been learning how to look after ourselves. We learnt how to wash our hands and have been sequencing pictures to help us with these. In maths, we have explored patterns and shapes and have printed with these shapes. We have continued to enjoy 'Bucket Time' activities and enjoyed pretend cooking in our new home corner role play area.



Silver Class

This week we have been looking at the work of Van Gogh and especially his painting 'Starry Night'. We learnt about brush strokes and swirls. We used our fingers in paint, embossing techniques and spray chalks to make a starry night class painting of our own. During 'Bucket Time' we listened to quiet and loud sounds and were mesmerised by bubbles and flipping ladybirds. In Maths, five was our magic number.



Gold Class

It has been another lovely week of learning in Gold Class. In English we thought about a person that is special to us and wrote them a letter. We have continued recreating Vincent van Gogh's 'Starry Night' using chalk and oil pastels. In Music, we used body percussion to create a rainstorm sound effect. We carried out a very exciting experiment in our Enquiry



lesson to make our model volcanoes erupt! We mixed water, bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid, vinegar and red food colouring to create a chemical reaction. It looked like lava rushing from the volcano's crater!

Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

Another action-packed week of learning in Pine class! During English lessons we wrote a list poem about the night and day. In Maths, we finished our work on place value by placing numbers on number lines. During our Science lesson, we compared living things and their habitats. We have also made great



progress with our football skills, learning to pass and dribble together. We also used our brand new atlases this week to research different climates. Keep up the good work!

Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

We've had another amazing week in Aspen class.

We have continued rounding in maths and investigating negative numbers.

During English lessons, we enjoyed listening to 'What a Wonderful World' sung by Louis Armstrong and have written our own verses inspired by how wonderful our world is today. We discovered more about Sir Tom Moore and the outstanding amount of money he raised for the NHS.

P.E. was great fun this week, we skipped with a motivating tune to keep us going and persevered to improve our personal bests. During Enquiry lessons, we made a sundial and located some major cities in the United Kingdom.



Willow Class (Year 5 & 6)

This week in Willow class we have enjoyed rounding off our learning of Place Value by exploring rounding and negative numbers. The letters we have written to officials in English about the positive impacts on the environment we noticed



during lockdown have used great vocabulary and language features. Our Enquiry has been about the science of gravity on our planet and we have used atlases to identify the countries and capital cities of the U.K. In Art we have added more detail to our individual representations of 'Starry Night' by sketching the buildings in the foreground. We are all finding that our fitness is improving by doing the mile run twice a week and we are so excited to have the fantastic skip-counting ropes for Skip2BeFit! In cricket we have been practising batting with a focus on directing the ball away from the fielders.

Platinum Class

Platinum have had a fantastic week of learning. We adapted the lyrics of Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World', as well as brushing up on our knowledge of adjectives and verbs. In Maths, we have just started working on the four operations and practising different methods. Our Enquiry lessons focused on the continents and countries and we had fun finding out all the connections the children and adults have to various points around the globe. The children had the chance to experiment with pastels in Art and we had our first game of football on a proper pitch this week. The new skipping ropes (with counters) have been well-used already and next week we will do our first 2 minute Skip2Bfit challenge!



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