

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)

As part of our learning enquiry text, we have been focusing on space. The children used different tools and techniques to create their own picture of outer space. The children were challenged to construct a space rocket which they did using Duplo and 3D shapes. We took part in a space themed yoga session which involved balance, coordination, spatial awareness and relaxation. In phonics, we have learnt the next 4 sounds (i, n, m, d) and have been using the sounds we know to create words. In maths, we learnt a new rocket song about counting back from 10.



Lemon Class (Year 1)

This week in Lemon Tree we have been learning about day and night, and discussing our daily routines. We have learnt about nocturnal animals and used a variety of materials in art to create our own, including sponge painting and collages. We have read a story called 'A tale of two feathers' and learnt about different birds that come out in the day and at night—we even wrote our own fact files! In maths we have focused on number bonds within 10 and addition.



Oak Class (Year 2 & 3)

We have been having lots of fun in Oak Tree Class reading the book 'Traction Man is Here' written by Mini Grey. We have thought of lots of adjectives to describe him and the setting in the story and have used them to write descriptive sentences. In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction sentences and practising to use a number line or a 100 square. We have sketched beautiful pictures of sunflowers inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and we are also looking at his famous picture called 'The Bedroom' we have practised using lines to fill in colour like he did. In PE we are still enjoying working on our Explorer Dance and sequencing it well!



Bronze Class

What a great week in Bronze class! We have been learning about our senses and particularly enjoyed sensory messy play activities and describing how these felt. We have been on a senses walk around our school grounds and collected autumnal materials. We have enjoyed our 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?' story by Eric Carle and re-enacted the story with stick puppets and have even made our own version of the story by choosing our own animals.



Silver Class

This week in Silver class we have been learning that we are all different and celebrating this. We read in a variety of books that we not only look different, we have different skills and talents too. 'Perfectly Norman' written by Tom Percival was a favourite. We built a jigsaw of our faces to discover who they were. From a description of looks, likes and dislikes played 'who is it?' Outside we found sticks and made stick people of ourselves and used them for imaginary play. In Bucket time we had fun spraying water and pumping soap!



Gold Class

Gold Class have been working hard this week and using lots of Sapphire Power to keep focused. In our Enquiry lessons we have started learning about polar regions and comparing the Arctic and Antarctic. In Maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers. In English, we have enjoyed looking at the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We imagined what Beegu's home planet is like and described it using expanded noun phrases, and we also invented a new friend for Beegu. In Art, we used foil embossing to create some beautiful versions of 'Starry Night' by Vincent van Gogh.



Pine Class (Year 3 & 4)

Well done Pine class for another fabulous week of learning. In Maths we have started our new topic of addition and subtraction. In English, we wrote our own postcards for a better tomorrow based on our book, 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. In Geography, we continued our work using atlases, identifying the countries and major cities in Europe. Our Art lesson involved experimenting with colour and resulted in some lovely paintings of the planets. Keep up the good work Pine class!



Aspen Class (Year 4 & 5)

Another wonderful week of learning. In Maths, we have started to investigate adding and subtracting. We are also practising our times tables.

We have looked at a poem called 'New Moon' by Kate Wakeling and been inspired to write our own poems about the sky. The children have really impressed me with their use of alliteration, similes, metaphors and personification.

This week's learning enquiry has been based around map work, we have started to look at grid references.

In art, we have continued to use quilling to create a piece of art inspired by 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh.



Willow Class (Year 5 & 6) This week in Willow Class we have been understanding the skill of rounding numbers up to 1 Million in maths and continuing to practise our arithmetic daily, great progress is being made with our knowledge of the 4



operations. In English we are using 'Here We Are' to look at the oceans of the world, we have watched some documentaries about this and we will use our learning about writing direct speech to create our own documentary script about an aspect of the natural world. We have also been looking at democracy in the U.K. and how our country is governed. In Art we have added foreground detail to our paintings of 'Starry Night'. They are coming along brilliantly!

Platinum Class

We have had another great week in Platinum. In English we looked at the diversity of people and animals. We discussed both fairness, kindness and equality at school - and how we should be looking after our endangered species as well as how we can be kinder to animals closer to home in our own gardens and school grounds. In Maths the children have worked on around addition and subtraction and have revisited some of their previous learning in our daily Maths Knowledge Meetings. In Enquiry the children became experts on the countries of Europe naming capital cities, famous landmarks, mountains, rivers and much more! The wet weather didn't stop us from getting active and we had a lot of fun on Monday den-building as our Sapphire (keeping focused) Gem Power class reward.



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