



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.

## Orange Class (Reception)

This week in Orange Class we have been reading 'Funny bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and thinking about our own skeletons. We are really excited about our new doctors surgery in the role play area and have enjoyed dressing up and playing a variety of roles such as: doctor, patient, receptionist and an optician. In maths we have been practicing sorting items into groups by colour, size and type of object. As it was bonfire night this week, we created some firework paintings using printing and thinking about how we can use the different shapes in a picture. We have continued to learn new sounds in phonics, this week we have learnt C, K, U and B.



## Plum Class (Year 1)

This week in plum class we have started thinking about what makes us different, unique and special. Some of us, have been writing sentences about this while others have been working on sounding out simple words. We have been exploring a new book called 'Giraffes Can't Dance.' by Giles Andreae. After reading this book, we talked about kindness and being good friends.

We had our first swimming lesson and thoroughly enjoyed it, although we were a little tired afterwards. In maths, we have been learning about ordering groups of objects.



## Peach Class (Year 2)

We started our exciting journey of discovering a new story named after the main character, Beegu - a small, yellow alien who is lost on our planet. The children had many insightful questions as they engaged with the illustrations of the character. We explored the theme of being lost or not understood and developed ideas through discussion, enabling the children to make connections with their own lives. They empathised with Beegu through role-play and talked about how she is feeling and what she might be saying. We used our imagination to create illustrations of what Beegu's home might look like and started typing a character description of Beegu using our computing skills.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting numbers crossing the ten.

Our Enquiry lesson was on Rosa Parks and in Science we learnt about Isaac Newton and had fun investigating the effect gravity has on everyday objects.



## Bronze

To link with the new sensory story, 'Handa's surprise' by Eileen Browne, Bronze class have explored a range of tropical fruits, including pineapple, papaya, passion fruit and avocado. In maths, we have been learning to recognise numbers and to count objects using finger pointing. We had another enjoyable singing session with Tim, learning about singing at fast and slow speeds. We enjoyed celebrating our friends' birthdays.



## Silver Class

What a fantastic first week back! Silver Class have all settled back nicely after our half term and have been busy learning about the book 'Giraffe's can't dance.' by Giles Andreae. We have talked about being kind to others and made our own moving giraffes. We have also matched rhyming words and thought of lovely adjectives. We have been busy looking at our faces and creating self-portraits.



### Oak Class (Year 3)

Oak class have had a fantastic start to the new term. This week we have been studying two key figures in the fight for equal rights. We studied the achievements of Martin Luther King and wrote our own 'I have a dream' speech. We learnt about Rosa Parks and created a comic book strip telling her story. We also had our recorder lesson, we loved learning our first note and how to look after the instrument.



### Pine Class (Year 4)

What another fabulous week in Pine class. We have begun our new learning enquiry: Diversity, Difference and Tolerance by finding out about Rosa Parks and how she inspired others by making a stand for equality. The children enjoyed working with a gym coach on Monday, and also the fantastic tagtail coach at the Recreational Ground on Tuesday.



During Science lessons, We had great fun investigating the difference between solids and liquids, using scientific explanations. We have continued to learn how to calculate the perimeter of some challenging shapes. Our 'explosive' English lessons, produced some amazing poetry about fireworks.

### Gold Class

We have had a lovely week back in Gold Class!

We started learning about our new topic 'We Are All Different' and talking about the ways that we are different from each other. We found out about a dog who is a little bit different to other dogs in a new story called 'Dogs Don't do Ballet' by Anna Kemp. In Science we have been thinking about our bodies and ways we can keep ourselves clean. We have been thinking about ourselves in Art too, and drawing amazing self-portraits.

In Maths we have been using money and practising making different amounts of money in a role play shop.



### Walnut and Willow Classes (Year 5 & 6)

This week in Year 5/6 we have started discussing our new Enquiry topic - *Difference, Diversity and Tolerance*. We have started reading the best seller novel, *Wonder* by RJ Palacio learning all about the life of a child with



Treacher Collins Syndrome. The children have done a fantastic job at designing information leaflets about this rare genetic condition that affects facial development. We have also been learning about how the actions of Rosa Parks helped end segregation after she bravely stood up to racism and the children have engaged in discussions about prejudice and discrimination still faced by so many people in this world. In Science we have started a new topic - Light.



### Platinum Class

During science we have been learning about the water cycle– we evaporated different liquids and examined what was left. We made indoor fireworks using fizzy tablets. Some of us took part in the first stage of our Bikeability training, the instructor was impressed with how focused we were. We started reading our class novel 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams as part of our learning enquiry 'Difference, Diversity and Tolerance'. We dressed up and listened to the audio book.



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