

St Martin's Garden Learning Week



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)

As part of Difference and Diversity week, Orange Tree have been focusing on the book 'Funny bones' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg and discussing the fact that we are all the same on the inside but can be different on the outside. We have been creating life size skeletons and learning about the different bones in the body. The children have been practicing their sounds and letter formation this week as well as reading simple CVC words. We have dressed up as a range of different characters this week including superheroes, princesses, doctors and paramedics and have enjoyed playing together in the role play area. We have learnt Humpty Dumpty as our nursery rhyme



Plum Class (Year 1)

What a fantastic week we have had. We are starting to practice our songs for the Christmas play. In English we read Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne and talked about how different our lives might be to Handa's. Some of us started writing sentences about Handa which included adjectives. Some of us continued to work on writing words and captions. In maths we have been working very hard on learning ordinal numbers. And how to use a number line. Our new science topic is learning about our bodies and how incredible they are.



Peach Class (Year 2)

We had such a busy and exciting week: We delved further into our story Beegu and the children loved exploring the character through hot-seating activities where we also focused on asking open-ended questions. We then wrote our diary entries as Beegu. We used our Computing skills and typed our descriptions of Beegu, practising changing the font size, shape and colour. We also put all of our descriptions of Beegu in the form of a poem and used voice, body movement and sound effects to prepare a performance reading. Beegu inspired our DT work too and we started making our imaginative paper-plate flying saucers. We worked hard in Maths adding 2digit numbers by partitioning and with an exchange (crossing the tens). In Science we learned more about Newton's discoveries about light and created rainbows in the classroom with a torch, a mirror and a bowl of water. We explored our enquire on Difference, Diversity and Tolerance through stories and class discussions.



Bronze

This week Bronze class have been exploring tropical fruits as part of our sensory story 'Handa's surprise' by Eileen Browne.' We tasted some of the fruits, including mango and avocado. In maths, we have been looking at different coins. We had a treasure hunt, looking for hidden coins outside and inside. Some coins were even hiding in gloop, which made it a very messy rescue operation! In swimming we have been lying on our tummies



Silver Class

This week Silver Class have been reading the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud. We have been thinking about being kind to others and to ourselves. We really enjoyed decorating odd socks for Odd Sock Day and have baked cakes for Children in Need on Friday. We have also earned reward bike time for using our class Topaz powers.



Oak Class (Year 3)

Oak Class have had another great week, filled with new learning. In English, we started work on our new story, 'Moon Man'. Next week we will be writing news reports about an event from the story. In Maths, we finished our topic of addition and subtraction and will now be moving on to multiplication and division. Make sure you continue to practise on Times Table Rock Stars with your children. We have also discussed friendship this week and considered how to resolve conflicts. The children came up with three actions to resolve disagreements with their friends. I've been really pleased to see children using these in the playground.



Pine Class (Year 4)

Another wonderful week in Pine Class with the children embedding their understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.



The children have been inspired by our new text, 'Moon Man' to write simile and metaphor poems which are amazing.

We have been investigating the properties of gases in our Science lessons and it was great fun blowing bubbles and squeezing sponges in water.

This week, our learning enquiry has been based around 'Friendship Week' with some brilliant discussions about how we can become even better friends to each other.

Gold Class

This week, Gold Class have been thinking lots about friendships and being kind to others. We have been watching a short film called 'For the birds' and using this as inspiration for some amazing writing. We have also been reading 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud and thinking of different ways we can fill each other's buckets with kindness.

In Maths we have continued developing our skills with money. We used lots of Sapphire Power to keep focused when we painted our self-portraits using watercolour paint.

We have also started looking at our Christmas play and practising being Super Reindeer!



Walnut and Willow Classes (Year 5 & 6)

We have been celebrating Odd Socks Day this week and thinking about how we are all unique and special. We wore our odd socks to school and have worked hard at creating our own sock puppets as part of our Enquiry lesson. We've also been thinking about friendships- the causes and effects and solutions to falling out and considering what the term bullying means



In English, we have been continuing our work on 'Wonder' we have been considering if it would be better for Auggie (our main character) to be home-schooled or to go to school we had many different views and we heard some great debating!

In Maths, we have been identifying and finding multiples and factors. We can now find the common factors of any two numbers.

Some of our children were able to participate in the B&NES Football Tournament this week showing some fabulous SMGP skill and teamwork!

Willow and Walnut children have spellings and worksheets to complete at home. Please return them by Tuesday.

Platinum Class

We have continued reading our class book 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams. We have also been looking at our Christmas play and starting to learn our lines. Some of us finished the last part of our Bikeability training, so we know how to ride safely on the road. Some of have been learning about money in maths, while others of us are working on units of measure. For English we are reading a story based on Romeo and Juliet. On Friday we went to see Dumbo as part of our topic on Difference, Diversity and Tolerance.



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