

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) This week in Orange Tree, we have been learning all about Africa. We created some animal silhouette paintings and used stencils to draw African animals. 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne is our story of the week and the children have worked hard to create their own stories using Tales Toolkit. In Maths, we have been measuring this week—weighing different fruits and talking about balancing and measuring our height and comparing them to the heights of different animals. Finally, we took part in a drumming lesson in our music room, we practiced making different sounds, beats and tapping out the syllables in our first names.



Plum Class (Year 1)

This week has been another very busy week



In maths we have been looking at 3D and 2D shapes.

In English we have been writing instructions to Rapunzel, about how to defeat the witch. We had some very interesting ideas. Poor witch!

In science we continue to look at materials and this week we found out how glass is made.

Bronze

This week Bronze class have been busy linking learning of our Learning Enquiry story. We ordered Russian Stacking dolls by height in maths. In English we have been travelling around the world in our magic machine. We made some delicious cakes on Wednesday, and have enjoyed the weekly dance, singing and judo sessions.

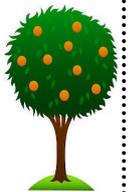


Peach Class (Year 2)

Another week of fantastic learning in Peach class. We have continued to write a diary from the point of view of Tom from 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge. We really enjoyed editing our writing.

In Maths, we have started to learn about fractions as equal parts. The children had great fun finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers.

We have continued to learn about different explorers. This week we learnt about Robert Flacon Scott and how he wanted to become the first person to reach the North Pole.



Silver Class

What an interesting week Silver Class have had! We have been colour mixing and painting beautiful pictures of the Great Fire of London and created silhouettes of the houses. They look fantastic!

We have been learning more about coins and how to pay for items. Also we have been writing sentences using nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have been very busy!



Oak Class (Year 3)

Another creative week in Year 3 Oak class. In Maths we have been looking at different types of charts. We have really enjoyed collecting data and representing it with bar charts, pictograms and tally charts. In our Science lesson, we used a classification key to identify different types of animals.



We all loved creating our Stone Age pots; we were finally able to complete our pots, using our designs from the past few weeks. Even though we had to use resilience to bounce back from mistakes, our pots look fabulous with their intricate designs.

Pine Class (Year 4)

Even the greatest writers need to learn how to improve their writing, and this has been the focus for Pine class this week! We have been editing our incredible descriptions and diary entries to ensure that we are using emotional language so that the reader will empathise with our characters.

In Maths, we have discovered how much we love using the bus stop method to solve division equations! Using this method has really helped us to solve mysterious maths problems.

We have also discovered how to make Stone Age style pots. We used the same methods that Stone



Age people would have used, collecting objects from nature to create vertical and horizontal grooves and moulding clay using a 'coiling' method. We can't wait to take them home!

Gold Class

Gold Class have had a brilliant week of learning this week!

For our Learning Enquiry, we found out about another explorer: an Australian Sailor called Jessica Watson who sailed around the world on her own when she was just 16 years old. Wow!

In English, we started looking at a book called 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. We used the computers to research polar bears and write our own polar bear fact files. The book also inspired us to do some amazing polar bear artwork using chalks.

In Maths we have been learning about statistics. We had lots of fun collecting data and making our own tally charts. We then used this information to create pictograms.



Walnut and Willow Classes (Year 5 & 6)

In PSHE this week, the children have been thinking about charity and the importance of helping those in need. After putting it to a vote the children have decided to raise some money for the Australian Bushfires by creating a Movie Night here at SMGP. Sainsbury's have kindly offered to donate some popcorn and the children will be organising the entire event.



In English, we have been looking for evidence in the text to justify our ideas about the different characters; our Amazon-based story is becoming more gripping by the minute.

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our confidence with adding and subtracting fractions.

We have had our final dance session this week before we perform it next week in front of the Y3/4 classes and the pool is back up and running so we all enjoyed a Monday swim!

In Learning Enquiry, we have looked at the great buildings constructed by the Mayans and created a tourist information leaflet on the magnificent Chichen Itza.

Spanish greetings and introductions are coming along nicely so for now....¡hasta luego!



Platinum Class

We have finished reading 'Mr Stink' by David Walliams and after a very emotional vote, have decided to read another of his books 'Gansta Granny' next. As part of our Learning Enquiry Kate (from the office) bought in a real Stone Age tool made from deer bone. We found out about other types of tools used including: hammer stones, spears, bow and arrows, sharpened sticks, harpoons and axes. We have also been describing how to make clothes from animals skin.



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