

# 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 started our new topic—Superheroes! Our story of the week is 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. In maths we have been working on counting and number recognition skills as well as introducing subtraction using green pea playdough! Outside we took part in a superhero jumping challenge, where we measured how far we could jump in cms. We have created superhero stick puppets that we will be reading to in class and bringing home to read with too! We have been working really hard on our tricky words this week and have created a 'Tricky Word Tree' in our lovely garden area!



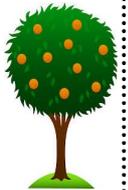
## Plum Class (Year 1)

This week in Plum Tree class we have been using our number bonds to ten to help us to get to twenty. We have been counting in 1s, 2s and 10s. In English we have been making wanted posters for fairy tale baddies. We have also been writing about our favourite parts of the stories we have read. We have been trying hard to answer questions using full sentences.



## Peach Class (Year 2)

Peach class have enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong, we have considered the challenges of exploring space. We were amused at the ways astronauts sleep with a pillow tied to their heads and fascinated to discover that eating food is such a challenge. We compared the different ways which Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong navigated their way to their destinations. During English lessons, we have made links with books similar to 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge. In maths, we are continuing to explore fractions of shape and number.



## Bronze

We have had a really positive start back after the holidays, getting back into the daily routine. We loved making pancake batter on Tuesday and flipping them in a pan! We introduced the story of 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, we mashed potatoes with a masher and made potato prints with small potatoes.



## Silver Class

Silver class have had a great first week back. We have been busy bakers and made beautiful fire cakes. We crushed boiled sweets and melted them to create flames, they also tasted fantastic. Silver class have also been very busy this week learning about Samuel Pepys and his diary as he wrote about the Great Fire of London. We even found time to learn about 3D shapes!



### Oak Class (Year 3)

Oak Class have had a great start to the term and have been working hard and aiming high. In English we started our new book called 'Oliver and the Seawigs' written by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. Children have been writing their own exciting adventure stories based on the three main characters. In Maths, we have started a new topic on fractions. Children have been identifying and sorting unit and non-unit fractions. They have loved using physical resources to help them with their learning. During our first learning enquiry lesson we studied the archaeological site of Skara Brae. Children enjoyed pretending to be archaeologists and made some great observations about the primary sources.



### Pine Class (Year 4)

Pine Class have started the new term with gusto, brains engaged and learn! Our new book this term is 'Oliver and the Seawigs' written by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. A courageous book about expeditions, adventures and unconquered lands. We started English this week by planning our own adventurous narratives based on the travels of Oliver. We then included short, snappy sentences and dialogue to add impact for the reader.



Fractions have been our focus in Maths this week. We started by identifying numerators, denominators and unit fractions. After we had mastered this, we moved onto finding equivalent fractions in both written forms and pictorial representations.

### Gold Class

What a fun week in Gold Class! In our Learning Enquiry we found out about the Antarctic expedition of Robert Falcon Scott, and thought about reasons for and against exploring Antarctica. In Maths we have enjoyed learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including going on a shape hunt around the MCC. On Tuesday we had pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday—yum yum! We talked about teamwork and used our Topaz Power to create some shared pieces of artwork. To finish our English work on 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs, we had a lovely trip to the Egg theatre to see a production of the story.



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

Our first week back after half term has begun and we are now doing Gymnastics and Hockey in our PE lessons. Our Golden Mile will still be continuing to keep up our fitness levels! In English, we are planning, writing and editing our independent writing piece based on our Explorer text. In addition to consolidating our knowledge on adding and subtracting different forms of fractions in maths, we have also been learning to read and interpret line graphs.



We have been planning an investigation in Science looking at the effect of changing an aspect of the wire on the brightness of the bulb. We have continued our Mayan line of Enquiry and learnt how to write our names using Mayan Hieroglyphics. Our Movie Night took place on Thursday after school and helped to raise important funds for the Australian Bush Fire Disaster. This was organised by the Willow and Walnut team and the children did a great job in advertising/organising and assisting with the logistics of this event.



### Platinum Class

In Platinum class this week we have continued to learn about the Stone Age. We have begun to find out about Skara Brae and learning about the artefacts that were found there. We have also made Stone Age houses from Lego. In English, we have been learning how to write an exciting diary entry. We have planned our diary entries to write a day in the life of a Stone Age boy or girl and will be writing these shortly. Along with Gold class, we have also enjoyed a great theatre trip to see 'The Bear'.



***A positive difference, everyday, everyone***