



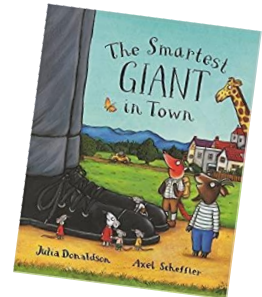
Reading Gives You Wings

Goldfinch Class - Term 1



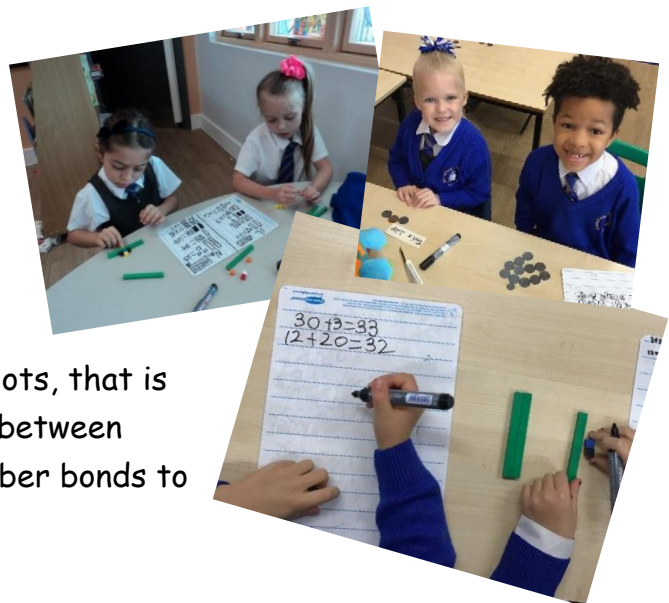
It has been wonderful to see all the children returning to school happy and full of smiles. They have all settled into the new routines in their new class superbly and we are incredibly proud of them.

Our theme for this term has been Reading Gives You Wings and we have focussed our learning this term around the author Julia Donaldson, in particular the story of The Smartest Giant in Town, amongst others. Why not ask us what our favourite Julia Donaldson story is?



We have used the book to learn about expanded noun phrases and to work collaboratively to write letters. We have drawn maps to help us to sequence the events of the story and in Science we have explored waterproof materials for clothes for George the Giant. We even squeezed in some drama to retell lots of different Julia Donaldson stories. We had lots of laughs when we showed each other our stories.

In Maths we have been thinking about the place value of each digit in a 2 digit number as this will help us lots when we start adding up and taking away larger numbers. We have been consolidating our counting in 2, 5 and 10 and practising backwards lots, that is trickier! We have also enjoyed spotting the pattern between number bonds to 10 and number bonds to 20.



On Thursday's we have loved getting outside and enjoying forest school, it's a bit different to normal but we have worked collaboratively, looked closely and discussed what we have found, even in the rain!



Part way through the term the Goldfinch team became a bit smaller with the absence of Mrs Esgate. Mrs Esgate has had to take some time off school, but the children have made sure that she is not forgotten and made some lovely cards for her. We all wish her a speedy recovery and cannot wait to see her back in school soon.



We have done lots of special things in our class this term! We have celebrated harvest by dressing up in some amazing costumes. The last Tuesday of the term was team top Tuesday where we worked together in our teams to get team points. The children worked well showing great team spirit, with the winning team being Ajax!!



We celebrated Trafalgar Day on Wednesday 21st October and discussed the importance of its link to Wouldham. To commemorate Walter Burke we made flowers that will be displayed in school to show thanks for all that he did in the Battle of Trafalgar.

Finally, to top off the last week Mr Trevallion gave the children a special treat for all their hard work and taught them a dance routine from the musical Charlie and the Chocolate factory.



Keep up all the great reading at home and thank you to all the parents/ carers that have supported the children in their return to school! We cannot wait to see you for another brilliant term but most importantly we hope you enjoy your half term break.

😊 Mr Trevallion, Mrs Esgate, Mrs Gammon and Miss Fry 😊