

## Weekly Learning Reflections



### **Week Beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> September**

It's been amazing to see the excitement and enthusiasm the children have brought to Year 5 this week and I've really enjoyed getting to know the class properly after our brief meeting in July. We have a wealth of talent in the new Invincible and it's going to be a fabulous year nurturing that and helping everyone grow.

Work this week allowed me to see where we are in English and Maths along with some fun afternoon activities. In our first English sessions we planned and wrote a short story about some mysterious boots left in a forest and discussed how opinions work better with evidence or reasons. We tested that by exploring the school's newly revised rules and what they mean to us as a team. The class told me what they'd like to see in me as a teacher, and also decided that they want to be a class who treat each other respectfully, gel as a team and work hard to achieve their goals. Quite a mission statement to kick us off with!

We also started some of our foundation units and spent Thursday afternoon preparing for our Geography work by exploring what lines of latitude and longitude are and how they help us pinpoint locations on the globe. It's tricky to get your head around the fact that lines of longitude run north/south but describe positions east/west (and vice-versa), but by the end of the afternoon the class were able to read coordinates and find different places around the world. This afternoon we kicked off our Art unit by exploring what 'installation' art means, and also put out team work skills to the test in PSHE by seeing who could make the tallest tower out of newspaper in PSHE.

Each week in these updates we'll also celebrate success, and today we need to give plaudits to Holly for winning our first class nominated Star of the Week award. This was for working hard and helping others, but also curiously 'persevering in her worth'. My star this week is James, whose been a superb role model for the children around him in the way he has worked hard, encouraged others to do the same and made positive choices.

In the Computer Room on Wednesday, we tested all the logins and passwords we'll need for the year. Those are all now checked and working, and I'll shortly send individual password sheets out by Dojo so you have an all-in-one resource for things like Google classroom. That means we'll be able to get the homework routine up and running too.

The first week back always feels like a really long one, so I hope everyone has a good, well-earned weekend!

Mr Self