

And just like that the first week is over! It has been a fantastic week and it has been great to see the children so enthusiastic and motivated for the year ahead. I'm super impressed with how quickly they have adapted back into their school routine and coped with this heat!

We stuck to some more relaxed English and maths sessions this week to ease the children back into school life. These allowed me to see where the children are working and what type of learners they are. In our English lessons, we looked at different photos and discussed what was happening and how we know. We decided that opinions are better with evidence/reasons and tried to ensure all of our points were justified using "shows that." In maths we solved the mystery of the stolen chocolate recipe after carefully working through each clue and eventually cracking the code.

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. Well done to Marla, Izzy, Parker and Oscar, who were the winning team! They demonstrated excellent cooperation and collaboration.

Each week in these updates we'll also celebrate success, and today I would like to say a massive well done to all of the children for having such an amazing week! However, I would like say an extra congratulations to Lydia, who was nominated our class star of the week. She received nominations for always working hard, being kind to others as well as having beautiful presentation.

Luca is my own star this week for pushing himself out of his comfort zone and challenging himself to try new things. This was evidenced when completing the geography work on longitude and latitude. Luca was convinced he wouldn't be able to do it but proved himself wrong and the rest of us right (as we all knew he would)!

I know the first week back can be extremely tiring so I hope everyone so I hope everyone has a good, well-deserved weekend!

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