

Update 22/9

As our third week draws to a close it is evident the children are feeling much more settled into the class and our school routines! We have had a much calmer and more purposeful atmosphere in the classroom and I'm even seeing some of the shyer children come out of their shells and be themselves. It's really great to see!

In English we put all our planning into use by writing the continuation of the story we started reading last week. We thought hard about what the character would do next based on what we've learned about him, and how we could bring his excitement about being lost in a theme park to life through use of senses. In Maths we continued with our work on place value and explored how commas can help us to read very large numbers more easily. It would be great if you could practise this with your child at home or even if you're out and about (anytime you see an estate agents would be a great opportunity).

In Geography, we used the ipads to research what it is really like in the alps and located human and physical features using google earth. In French, our work on making monsters continued by learning about different parts of the body and whether they're masculine or feminine. We learned about reliability of information on the internet by researching facts about explorers, only to find the website was telling us completely made up information! No one will be trusting that one again... Science once again saw us in experimental mode; last week we learned about making mixtures, this time round we explored whether it's possible to separate mixtures back into their component parts by sieving soil for gold in the Ranvilles hills.

In Art this afternoon we thought about messages that we could show through installation art. We are going to start making shoebox-size models of these next Friday, and while our resources department has a wide variety of different materials, I've asked the class to think about specific things they need to make their models and to see if there's anything they can bring in from home. Have a chat about their visions and see if the recycling bin can help. The class are extremely enthusiastic about this and came up with fantastic meaningful messages. I'm looking forward to see the final product!

This week's class voted star of the week is Emily, who received nominations for being kind, making us all laugh and being a superstar editor in English to improve her story. Jonty is my own star this week for his infectious enthusiasm, fantastic work and always being willing to share his ideas in class discussions.

Have a lovely weekend!

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