

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 18th September 2023



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

Another week completed, and the children's determination is yet to cease! We have been working super hard this week, facing new challenges head on, with a positive thinking and an open mindset. From serving millionaires in an elite club, to creating Mayan spirit-based artworks using charcoal, this week has been jam-packed.

In English, we are in full flow of our information guides for our Year 3 buddies. The children have been working tremendously hard to make sure that they are including a wide range of information about the school, and how to succeed during your time here. We have been focusing on the importance of punctuation, and how helpful it can be to structure sentences and improve the clarity of writing.

We reached our Big Problem in Maths on Thursday, 'The Millionaires Club', which the children were so engaged with and became very passionate about completing. The concept was an elite club, where only millionaires are allowed to be members; the children were ordering the customers' fortunes, calculating any profits and losses, and planning out meal choices. They did this using the knowledge and skills that we have been practising over the past two weeks, and were confidently completing each question in a calm and focused environment.

In French, we visited the verb of 'aller' (to go) and the children learnt how to say that they were going to a country of their choice. Their recall skills have been so impressive these past few weeks, and this is also helping their confidence in their pronunciation. In Science, we continued to look at cold-blooded vertebrates, before moving onto the use of branching keys to help categorise species and animals within a species. Mary Bucktrout's life was explored further in History, as they discovered about her childhood, including her working life, and created some questions that they would have asked her. In Art, we looked at the technique of 'chiaroscuro', which comes from the word for light and dark in Italian. The children were creating artwork using their Mayan spirit companion (something that they discovered in the previous lesson) and using charcoal and rubbers to create a wonderful three-dimensional effect to bring their drawings to life. It may have been a bit messy, with a lot of cleaning afterwards, but the wonderful creations were worth it!

Due to the madness of the clean-up after Art, we ran out of time to do our Star of the Week choices for the week. So, we have agreed to complete this on Monday afternoon, when I will announce my choice of the week as well.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend, and that the weather is kind to you all. I will see you on Monday morning for the first day of Bikeability.

Miss Devonshire 😊