

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 4th September 2023



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

Well, what a week it has been. It has gone by so quickly, and yet I already feel like I've known the children for years! This week has been a combination of settling in, learning new routines and familiarising ourselves with a new environment, and then gradually bringing in the daily structure for the children to become accustomed to as well.

We started this week going through routines in the classroom, and creating a Class Charter for us all to sign. The children were very reflective about their behaviour and the expectations that they should be meeting in and out of the classroom. We discussed the importance of using polite and encouraging language in the classroom, even during a frustrating situation. Also, we spoke about the importance of challenging ourselves, and it was so lovely to see how many children in the class are focused and determined to push themselves in their learning this year.

For the rest of the week, we have been bringing in the structure of the day. Completing daily focused tasks in English, allowing the children the opportunity to refresh and showcase their knowledge of reading comprehension and writing techniques. For Maths, it was a mixture of projects for them each day, including an Escape Room and a Murder Mystery task. When they weren't doing that, they were, once again, refreshing their mathematical skills after a long summer break. The attitude towards their learning all week has been motivated and positive – something that I am hopeful will continue on throughout the year.

During the afternoons, we have look at sports in French, with the children being able to write sentences describing the sports that they like and dislike (feel free to ask them at home, testing if they can remember what they wrote!). We started our RE topic, looking at the significance of peace, and how it can look different for each individual. In History, we were introduced to the use of a census, and the importance of it – the children even spent some time studying a couple, retrieving information and evidence. Exploring and analysing Mayan art was the focus for Art, with the children creating their own journal of images and sketches in their books.

For Star of the Week this week, the class chose Danni-Ella. This was because of her ability to work successfully on her own, as well as in a group, her constant perseverance, and her impressive dragon drawing in Art. My choice for this week, was Oscar. He has been a very positive member of the class, always coming into school with a smile on his face. The first to respond to every countdown so far, working well independently, and contributing effectively in group tasks and discussions as well. Well done Danni-Ella and Oscar!

The children have had a fantastic start to the year, and I cannot wait to see all of the amazing work that they produce, and the memories that they make along the way. For now, I'm sure they all need a restful weekend, with time to recharge before doing it all again next week!

Many thanks,

Miss Devonshire 😊