

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 18.9.23

Dear Parents and guardians,

Now the term is in full swing, the children are showing themselves in their best light across all areas of school life.

Roars and snarls and growls erupted off their pages in literacy. The children have been busy writing their non-chronological reports about an animal that they researched last week. They have worked hard to sharpen their introduction to hook the reader. I have been impressed with the children's willingness to challenge themselves to do their personal best in their first piece of independent writing this year.

History

What's in a name? A lot it seems...Fletchers, Glovers and Smiths...while all these names effortlessly trip off our tongues without an inkling of their true meaning...the children learned they are reference to people's ancestors' job.

Exploring the lives of children in Tudor times, the pupils took on the role of time detectives and quizzed an apprentice glove maker. The children discovered how apprentices had to labour for seven years learning a trade often far away from their families.

I was impressed with the wide sweep of questions the children asked me as I role played Harry the glove maker. Long hours, few luxuries and plenty to complain about was the lot of many child apprentice labourers.

The children were shocked to learn that had they grown up in Tudor time they would have already been in their second year of work toiling from dawn-till-dusk.

Maths

Streams of 4-digit numbers have been the backbone to this week's maths. After representing numbers in variety of ways, the children explored how unexpected changes occur when adding or subtracting 1,10, 100 from numbers on 'boundaries'.

They finished maths this week of by ordering several 4-digit numbers using greater than and smaller than signs.

Music

In music the children learned about rhythm, beat and technical terms such as dimension and dynamics after listening to vibrant Samba music.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Isaac and Rhea. Both of the stars were good friends and made their friends get the best of themselves.

Teacher Star of the Week

This week's scintillating super stars are: Kasper for being our EPIC musician, Alex and Amelia for classwork They have worked to their personal standard and challenged themselves all week to use the school values.

I hope you have a super weekend with your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Amarjit