

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 2.10.23

Dear Parents and guardians,

It was great to see you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for coming in to talk about your child, they are a credit to you.

This week has been brimming with new learning and moments to treasure.

English

Shere Khan's low lingering growl drew deep gasps of shock and amazement in equal measure when the children watched a video clip Jungle Book. The children had to capture the emotional turmoil Mowgli was going in a drama session.

Role- playing Mowgli, the children got right under his skin to understand the man-cub's character in order to write a diary entry.

The children wrote emotively, pouring out their inner thoughts and secrets into their diaries. I am really proud of the energy they poured into the work.

Maths

Being a mathematician rather than a number cruncher was the call of the week. As a result there were many Eureka moments, such as when the children discovered subtracting numbers close to each other mentally is easier than using formal methods. The children were excited by strategies to hold numbers in their heads while counting on a mental number line. The children have continued to learn their times tables in a variety of ways, including using a fortune teller.

Science

Open-wide! A real jaw complete with a mountain-range of ridged teeth evoked a fantastic high-level scientific discussion. Which animal has a gap in the place of canines and severely worn-down molars? I was impressed as the children bit down and focused using their understanding of teeth to work out it had to be an herbivore. Many were able to explain the dentition and jaw size must belong to a sheep. The children then analysed a variety of different skulls and dentition before making up a fictitious animal with a set of teeth adapted to its diet.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Celia and Ted. Both of the stars have proved to be fantastic friends and kind.

Teacher Star of the Week

This week's scintillating performers are Declan, Eloise and Maddie. 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