

Update 29/9

What a great day we have had! This afternoon the children began creating their installation art pieces inside the boxes they decorated last week. I think we had every material possible out of the art cupboard and on our classroom floor! However, the children were really thinking about their hidden messages and trying their best to make their work reflect this. They also worked collaboratively to tidy the classroom, assigning each other different roles, and we had it as good as new in no time!

With the weather beginning to feel more autumnal this week we turned our attention to warmer climates by starting some work in English on holiday destinations. We'll be choosing a famous European city and promoting it as a great place to visit and we started this by looking at some promotional material for places like Disneyland, exploring what makes us want to go there. We also learned about modal verbs and how they will be useful in this kind of writing. In Maths we continued last week's work on negative numbers, but also investigated why rounding numbers can be useful. This is a tricky skill to remember, but with some help from number lines we're making good progress.

In our curriculum work we continued our materials unit in Science. This week we experimented with filters to see if we could separate a solid from a liquid once they are mixed together. Everyone had a jug of very muddy water and a series of filters to experiment with. We found that re-filtering filtered water made it clearer, as did adding more filters to the funnel. We found that it took 6 paper towels before the water being filtered was clear. In Computing we looked at how to make search terms precise and accurate so that our internet searches return the information we want. From this we also learned that keywords are important, and are sometimes all we need. In our fitness work in PE we ended the lesson with a plank challenge and found some members of the class could hold a plank for over eight minutes! At this point we had to stop the timer as we were running out of time, I'm sure they could have gone even longer! Well done to Oliva H and Ethan, who were our final plank champions. We also looked at the importance of using space on the netball court. In Music, we are continuing to learn to play the ukulele with Mr Johnson and this week used our strumming and plucking skills to play our first song.

Mila is our class voted star this week for always working hard and being kind. One of the votes even said "she always stands up for what is right," which is a fantastic trait to have even though it can sometimes feel tricky. Keep up the good work Mila! My own star this week is Toby, for not being afraid to have a go even if he isn't always 100% sure on his answer. He really encourages the rest of the class to get involved in discussions and continuously challenges himself. Congratulations to our stars this week for not only being stars but also fantastic role models.

Have a great weekend,
Miss Whyte