

# Weekly Learning Reflections

**Week Beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

Another week has been completed, and the learning attitudes of the children are only improving more and more over time. This week there was an abundance of learning opportunities, from solving the teachers' pizza party problems and acting out the Tour de France, all the way to discussing the importance being politely assertive when faced with difficult situations. The children have maintained a strong work ethic, that continues to build over the weeks, whilst perfecting the routines around the classroom and consistently meeting expectations.

In English, we have been writing our instructions of a chosen skill or hobby. This piece is always interesting, as you are presented with a chance to look into a child's passion outside of school, so I am now aware of any keen artists, golfers and equestrians in my class – who knew!? The focus this week has been the clarity of the work, making sure that there is no room for misinterpretation by the reader when attempting to follow the instructions. We have even attempted to follow some half-completed instructions to investigate how easy they are to follow, and it was very easy to spot which small, but important, details had been overlooked.

We reached our Big Problem in Maths, finishing our domain focus of addition and subtraction. The children had spent the week looking at adding and subtracting decimals, before looking at word problems that linked to money. Finally, they were faced with the party problems of the Ranvilles teachers, who had their orders of choice, but needed help in working out if they were to get any change, what else they might be able to get on the menu, or if they could even afford their order! The children really enjoyed this problem, and really put themselves to work over it, keeping focused and attentive to the details of each word problem.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, we continued with our Basketball skills in PE, looking at the important skill of finding space in game situations, to move your team forward and towards the goal. We moved onto warm-blooded vertebrates in Science, and made sure to distinguish the key characteristics that set them apart from other species that we have researched in previous lessons. In French, we looked at some PE verbs (such as: to dance, to jump, to dive and to run) before the children completed the Tour de France game, seeing them put their new vocabulary to the test, whilst practising the pronunciation of each word as well. We looked at the significance of Ramadan in Islam in our RE lesson, with the children taking the viewpoint of a child at the end of Ramadan, and writing a diary entry to explain their feelings and how completing the fasting brought them peace. In PSHE today, the focus was assertive skills. The children had to consider what the best response was to someone who was making them do something that they didn't want to do, without escalating the situation and resulting in an argument of some sort. The children worked really hard

and made sure to consider the key lessons from their assemblies and previous PSHE lessons, specifically the power of saying 'no, thank you'.

For Stars of the Week, the class chose Marley-May. The reasons for their choice were because she had been challenging herself to develop her instructions each in English lesson, making sure she had the perfect, detailed steps, and because she was maintaining her perseverance in PE and Maths. My choice for Star of the Week was Rhea. I chose Rhea because she has already made so much progress in terms of her learning attitude this year. She is up for the challenges that I have set her in Maths, she maintains focus, and she is able to maturely handle situations when others in the class are being distracting and disruptive – she knows the appropriate way to respond to them and how to deal with it without bringing attention to it. Well done Marley-May and Rhea!

I hope that you have all enjoyed yourselves this week, and are ready for another! Take time this weekend to recharge and rest, ready to go again on Monday.

Miss Devonshire 😊