

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 25.09.2023



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

This week has been jam-packed with all kinds of learning for our class. From Bikeability training starting our week, to considering the thoughts and feelings of a young girl working in a textile mill in Leeds during the 1800s, we have been reaching every aspect of the curriculum. The children have remained determined and reflective throughout it all, constantly working to improve themselves as learners and as people.

In Maths, we have started a new learning journey, looking at subtraction and addition, which will end next week with our Big Problem, 'Working at Pizza Hut'. This journey will see the children refining their addition and subtraction column methods, whilst highlighting their ability to estimate, and then working on decimals as well, to solve problems relating to money. So far this week, we have focused on the column methods, and starting looking at the importance of using the inverse to check our work for any possible mistakes.

In English, we have finished our 'How to Succeed at Ranvilles' guides, ready to be shared with our Year 3 buddies soon, and we have started our new journey. During this journey, the children will write their own set of instructions for a chosen skill or hobby. We have a range of skills being written about including: free kicks in football, lay ups in basketball, baking cookies and the perfect swing using a driver – we really are in for a treat by the end of this. We are focusing on the importance and effect of imperative and modal verbs, how they can change the way that an instruction is followed. This will be further looked at next week when we discuss the significance of clarity and detail in a set of instructions, so that they are fully understood by the reader.

For the rest of the curriculum, the children have continued to look at the life of Mary Bucktrout, a young girl who worked in a flax mill in Leeds and, after having a life-changing accident one day, changed her life around to become a teacher. Ukulele playing has continued, as the children get to grips with a variety of strums that can be used when playing the instrument, as well as beginning to play some short melodies. They have started to plan out a piece of artwork that shows a message, or expresses something that they feel passionate about, in Art. This piece can encompass all of the techniques and styles that they have learnt so far this term.

For Stars of the Week, the class chose Sam and Sebastian. Both boys have shown complete focus and independence throughout the week, in a wide range of lessons, particularly in Maths. They have also been kind and helpful to others and had a positive mindset each day. My choice for Star of the Week this week is Tyler. From Monday afternoon, witnessing him be a wonderful cycling coach to

someone who didn't share his confidence on two wheels, he has continued to work hard and show his work ethic in each lesson (albeit sometimes mixed in with some chatter here and there). He continues to smile each day and take everything in his stride. Well done Sam and Tyler!

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend, granting yourself opportunities to rest and recharge, ready for the week ahead. I will see you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊