

## Weekly Learning Reflections



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Welcome back! In English this week we started looking at Greek myths with a view to writing our own in the coming weeks. We read the story of Perseus and the Medusa and used it to explore new vocabulary and the structure of myths, discovering the vital ingredients that make them work. In Maths, we explored factors and multiples and the relationship between them. We learned about using Venn diagrams to show common factors and realised that when a number can only be divided by itself and one, we call it a prime number.

Elsewhere, in History we started to look at where the Ancient Greek civilisation sits in history in relation to others the class have studied, fitting neatly between the Egyptian and Roman work done in Year 3 and 4. In PE on Monday we started a dance unit by seeing if we could move in time to a beat, and started to focus on 'Dance by chance', a famous type of choreography by Cunningham. On Wednesday we were very lucky with the weather and managed to get outside to play some dodgeball. Thank you to everyone who encouraged and supported the children to access their work yesterday, we appreciate home learning can be tricky and that everyone has different circumstances. However, it was lovely to hear the children telling each what they had learnt at home and what they had taught their parents!

I think the children would agree that today featured the highlight of the week— a very practical DT lesson on designing bridges. Having established the difference between beam and arch bridge structures, the class were tasked with making the strongest beam bridge they could out of a strict set of materials. The ingenuity and ideas we saw while doing this was amazing and it was a great way to end the week. I think our record was 400g, using two pieces of corrugated card.

Our class voted star this week is Lydia, who received nominations for being kind, always working hard, having beautiful presentation and challenging herself during maths lessons! Well done Lydia! My own star this week is Jenson, for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to home learning. He read every day during half term and managed to complete yesterday's 'storm day' work to a great standard. Jenson is also working hard in the classroom to avoid distractions and challenge himself across all subjects!

Have a lovely weekend!

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