

## Weekly Learning Reflections



**Week Beginning: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Class Loyal families,

We have really started Autumn 2 term with positivity and drive and this week, although a slightly unusual one with a home learning day yesterday, has seen us all jump get straight back into our routines and structures and begin new learning journeys.

This half term, our Big Debate concept is all about change and whether this always creates a positive outcome. Much of the changes to our lives in recent times have come from the advancement of technology and this is the focus of our first English unit of the half term. An ongoing debate in Government is whether children should be allowed to use their mobile phone in secondary school classrooms. With this move only a few months away for our Y6s, this is of course a topic which is of great interest to them. Interestingly, even our own local secondary schools have different viewpoints and policies on this matter. On Monday, we explored the Fareham secondary schools policies and made our own personal responses to them. They were then introduced to a number of people with differing viewpoints, for example Carter, who has been subjected to bullying online for some time and Danielle, who is living in poverty. The children will write a letter to the Government next week in the form of a balanced argument from the perspective of one of the individuals they have researched about, considering both sides of the debate and bringing in evidence to back up their points.

We have also started our new maths learning journey, towards a new big problem 'Ranvilles Firework Party'. This will require the children to use their skills of dividing using a formal method and using the context to round a remainder up or down. This week has centred around learning the vocabulary associated with division and consolidating prior learning of the short division method. Next week we will introduce the children to the formal method of long division before we tackle our problem at the end of the week.

In science we explored light by carrying out practical activities to ascertain if we always need light to see and whether light can bend. I always enjoy our science lessons, as Class Loyal are always very knowledgeable, inquisitive and keen to discover new things.

This afternoon, I introduced our new geography unit about global populations. The class were fascinated to discover that over half the population of the world live in the continent of Asia! We discussed the changes to populations over time and the possible reasons for this before predicting what we think will happen in the future. As part of the lesson, we plotted data onto a line graph before considering how events, such as a World War, would impact population.

Now on to star of the week. Normally we would have two stars each week, one chosen by the class and one by me. However, this week the class winner was Rebecca and she also has to be my star too. Rebecca only joined us on Monday but she has settled in so incredibly well, even to the point that she has been confident to volunteer to model methods in maths at the front of the class, as well as offer her ideas in lessons. Well done Rebecca, what a fantastic asset you are to our class and we are glad to have you as part of Class Loyal.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic weekend. See you on Monday Class Loyal.

Mrs Holmes