

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 13th November 2023

Dear Class Loyal families,

It's been another great week in Class Loyal this week!

Our English journey has been split in two this week, as we needed to complete our balanced argument writing, before embarking on our new journey into the world of suspense narrative! I have been very impressed with the hard work and commitment the children have shown to writing their argument, ensuring it is equally balanced between for and against points and using a formal tone. The subject of using mobile phones in the secondary classrooms is certainly one that has raised strong opinions in the classroom, however writing their balanced argument from the perspective of someone else brings in a new challenge. Well done everyone! On Thursday we started our new unit of work called Chaperon Rouge. The children were absolutely hooked by the video narrative we showed them, which is a slightly more sinister version of Little Red Riding Hood and immediately started collecting language which they could use to recount the story. These stories are now planned and we are ready to start writing next week.

We have been looking at fractions in maths, often an area that children lack confidence in. So far we have explored equivalent fractions and used our prior learning of factors to put fractions into their simplest form. This week's skills led up to today's 'big problem' set in Carlo's Bake Shop. We will be back in the Bake Shop next week to apply more of our fractions skills to a new problem.

In science, we are moving on in our learning of light and reflection to start our own enquiry. We talked at the beginning of the lesson about fair tests and how we can make sure that our own experiments produce reliable data. After exploring what we already know about shadows, the children generated their own enquiry question and planned the experiment that they could carry out to find the answer. They have also made their own prediction based on their knowledge of light. We will be carrying out these experiments in the next lesson.

Our geography journey this week has led us to explore migration and consider the environmental, economic and social push and pull factors which affect it. In today's lesson they explored how climate change is impacting the global population. It is so impressive to see just how engaged the children are in such global issues and they always make thoughtful and mature responses to our geography lessons.

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Vili for always working his hardest and respecting everyone in the class. Vili is an excellent role model to the rest of the class and definitely deserves this recognition from his peers. I voted for Joanna, who has worked tirelessly this week with her reading and has persevered through some tricky fractions work too. Well done Joanna.

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

Mrs Holmes