

## Weekly Learning Reflections

**Week Beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

These weeks just seem to be going by quicker and quicker; I feel like I blink on Monday morning and suddenly it's a Friday afternoon! The children have been working so immensely hard this week, still pushing that independence and resilience when tasks get tough.

In English, we are fully in the midst of writing our suspense narrative for the short film 'Chaperon Rouge', which the children are really passionate about. So far, we have focused on the beginning few scenes, this is so we are able to include all of the smaller details in our description. We have also been using classroom resources - thesauruses, vocabulary steps and word mats – to power up our description and make our narratives as engaging as possible. Looking at using adjectives for precise description that matches the tone of the piece, as well as varying sentence structures and types to create the desired effect in our writing, the children really have been pushing themselves with their writing this week, and I could not be prouder.

Completing our second week of fractions saw an exploration of mixed numbers and improper fractions. We focused on the processes to convert each type of fraction to the other and then using those skills, as well as our knowledge of common factors and multiples, to compare and order fractions in different representations. Today was the second instalment of our Big Problem: Carlo's Bake Shop – the children had to help Carlo, and his head baker George, display cakes in a particular order, as well as work out if certain quantities of cake could be served from the famous bakery. The children were incredible all week, having to remember and recall the different methods they had to use for the variety of numbers and fractions put in front of them, and then to be able to successfully accumulate all of that knowledge today, and use it when completing word problems, was a really impressive accomplishment.

For the rest of the curriculum, we are part way through our Science investigation surrounding shadows and the factors that can affect their shape and size. We highlighted the importance of fair tests and looked at the variables that we were working with during the investigation. French included our continued development on describing our bedrooms and the objects that we have in them, and their location. We spent some time looking at

adjectival agreement when it comes to the gender and quantity of the nouns, and also the order of the words in the sentence, with the children having to wrap their heads fully around the fact that the adjective comes after the noun in French, but this is not always the case! In Geography, the children looked at climate change, and researched some of the consequences and effects it is having on our planet and the populations around the world. This knowledge was then used to create an informative poster. In PE, the children learnt the 'set' shot in Volleyball, as we are building on our teamwork skills when playing the game. It is so lovely to see the excitement when learning this sport, and also the collaboration skills when they have to put the nets up at the start of each lesson!

For Stars of the Week, the class chose Sebastian. This was because he consistently works hard in all of his subjects, is always kind and helpful to others, showing great attributes to have in a friend and classmate, and was able to challenge himself to confidently articulate his mathematical knowledge to a school visitor. My choice this week, is Maisie. She has been fabulous this week, particularly in Maths, as she has even taken on a coaching role and helped other children in the class to understand a complicated method for converting fractions from a mixed number to an improper fraction. It is clear that she is working insanely hard on pushing her independence and, even though it is sometimes a little intimidating having to complete work all on your own, she is challenging herself more and more each day. She has also challenged herself this week to do things that are outside of her comfort zone around the school, and for that, I am very proud of her. Well done to both Sebastian and Maisie!

I am so proud of the work that the children have completed this week, and I sincerely hope that they are as well. They continue to prove time and time again how amazing they can be, and are getting closer every day to reaching their potential (which is much greater than some of them dare to think). I wish you all a lovely and relaxing weekend. Wrap up warm as I think that winter weather is starting to make its way towards us, and I will see you all on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊