

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 9th October 2023



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

With one more week left until half term, the children have continued to impress and push themselves in their learning each and every day. From working on their design and building skills and creating art that sends a message, to solving long multiplication equations and using characterisation in a first-person narrative in English. The children have challenged themselves and persevered in every aspect of their learning.

The first-person recount is our first fiction piece of the year, with children writing a narrative that run alongside a video that we have watched in class. The plot follows a young boy who wakes up amongst rubble and destruction in his school corridor. He quickly runs off, and cycles back home, and begins to pack up his things. When the police turn up at his door, attempting to break it down, he uses some kind of telekinesis powers to grab his keys from across the room and escapes. The final scene involves the boy being chased at dusk, through a forest, before being surrounded by policemen. Seemingly overwhelmed and scared, he curls into a ball, and we see energy and electricity radiate off of him, creating an explosion.

The children have loved the video, (nearly as much as they love the accompanying song in the background) and are already excited to begin their writing. They have chosen one of the main events in the narrative, that they will be writing their first-person narrative on. We will be focusing on inner voice, speech punctuation, figurative language, and how to successfully blend thoughts, description and action together to create an effective description.

In Maths, this was the first of two weeks, focusing on multiplication and division, ending with our Big Problem, Paulton's Park Spooktacular. They will have to accumulate their skills in multiplication and division, as well as their knowledge of numbers in general, to solve the many problems around hosting the Halloween event: ticket sales, profits and losses, and many more. This week, the children have explored factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers, and have now mastered the process of long multiplication. Their resilience was tested with some challenging reasoning questions, but all of the children really impressed me with their problem solving and perseverance.

In other areas of the curriculum, we looked at the perfect Basketball shooting technique in PE, the differing characteristics for invertebrates and number keys in Science, and we designed and began constructing playgrounds in DT. The children really loved this lesson, as they got the freedom to design their own style of playground, having looked at a range of inspiration previously. The creativity has continued throughout the week, as we have also started our final composition for Art, creating pieces that send a message, and we made poster guides on how be assertive in a polite manner in PSHE.

For Stars of the Week, I would first like to mention that we had 18 wonderful children nominated for the class choice this week - all with thoughtful and considered reasons - which was so lovely to see. In the end, the class picked Jack, for showing great sportsmanship, at break, lunch and in lessons, as well as challenging himself in Maths with long multiplication. My choice for this week is Jennifer. Every day she comes in with this brilliant smile on her face, tries her best from 8:45 until 3:30, and maintains her positive learning attitude at all times. Jennifer is consistently kind and considerate to all of those around her, and shows true enjoyment in her learning. Well done Jack and Jennifer!

As we are doing more of our playground construction next week, it would be amazing if you have any sort of recycling at home (cardboard preferably) and could bring it into school for the children to use. If I could suggest that you do pay attention to what you are bringing in though, and not bring in any materials that will have come into contact with nuts, due to allergies in the year group. We will be doing the construction on Tuesday afternoon, so if the materials could be brought in on either Monday or Tuesday – that would be fab.

I hope that you all take the chance to relax and get some fresh air (if we are to have a break from all of the rain!), letting yourselves unwind and prepare for the week ahead. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊