

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 30.10.23

Dear Parents and guardians,

As we headed into the teeth of Thursday's storm, no one knew exactly where Ciaran would strike. Luckily, we fell right in eye of storm, and dodged its fury by the skin of our teeth!

Thank you for your understanding, and helping the children access their learning on Googleclassroom. I was really impressed by their effort, and the quality of some of their work, particularly the fabulous Amazon Forest artwork.

I was struck by the children's descriptive Jungle Book stories as I read them over the half-term break. Everyone created a make-believe world with so much energy and powerful verbs that Shere Khan jumped from the page.

Literacy

We have started this term by the children poring over biographies. They read and deconstructed children's top selling author Roald Dahl's life to create an ingredients list of what a great biography needs. The children then undertook research into the life of this mischief-making, and much loved author. The children will continue to research Dahl's life to gather information.

Maths

The children have been busy learning their times tables. They used their tables knowledge to solve problems with increasing confidence.

Next, the children turned their heads to money. After looking at different values of coins and paper money they children learned how to change pence to pounds. We will continue this next week as recognising different denominations and adding money proved to be challenging for some. As we become a cashless society cash familiarity with money is on the slide nationally. If you are able to help the children recognise different coinage and calculate totals when you are out and about shopping that would be great.

Geography

After learning about the lines of latitude Cancer and Capricorn, the children focused on the Equator and how it straddles both north and south of the central imaginary line encircling the earth. The children next learned about different biomes and how each has its own climate and supports specific adapted plants and animals.

The children then explored the location of the Amazon Forest and how the daily storms and blazing heat supports the soaring trees and all lifeform. This helped them understand why deserts are not found on the Equator.

French

This half term, the children have started to learn how to say items of clothing in French, and the ideocracies of why one item of clothing is masculine and another is feminine or even neuter. The children enjoyed wrapping their tongues around words such as chaussettes and pantalon. Many giggles were had over some items of clothing as you can well imagine.

Pupil nominated Star of the Week

Casper and Eloise were both chosen to be stars of the week for being fantastic friends and hard workers.

Teacher Star of the Week

This week's stars were Dougie and Matilda. They have challenged themselves in school and the home learning, I was impressed with the sterling quality of their work.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your loved ones.

Kind regards,

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