## **Weekly Learning Reflections**



Well, here we are at the end of the first half-term and time has flown by since the summer. The children have begun their Year 4 journey in a positive way and they have challenged themselves to rise to the Year 4 standards. Some have found it easier than others but they have all shown desire to improve which is great to see.

The children have spent this week writing their own version of parts of the Jungle Book, carefully selecting language to immerse the reader in their writing. I have challenged them to give the reader a clear image in their mind through their description and there have been some fantastic word choices. They have also worked hard to portray the characters of Mowgli and Shere Khan and show their characters through their actions.

Subtraction has been the main focus of Maths this week continuing to explore the column method. We reached a stumbling block when it came to exchanging (taking away more than what we have) but the children have shown determination and perseverance to begin to get to grips with this. I have continued to be impressed with the independence of children in their use of resources around the classroom as well.

Throughout the rest of the week, the children have prepared and presented their debate, thinking about ways they could change school to benefit children's lives in the future. There have been some fantastic ideas and some very confident speakers when presenting as well. We finished the week off with Star School where the children got to choose an activity as a treat for their hard work. It was great to see so many smiling faces returning from their afternoon's adventures and a lovely end to the half-term.

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## Pupil Star of the Week - ☆ Darcie ☆

Darcie was chosen for her independence this week. The children recognised her determination to do well, challenge herself and use resources around the classroom to support her. Great reasons and well deserved Darcie, well done!

## Teacher Star of the Week - ☆ Chloe ☆

This week I have chosen Chloe as my Star of the Week. Chloe has shown a determined attitude this week and has worked with great independence to achieve her goals. She has persevered with the challenges ahead of her and has shown a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done Chloe!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr Castell