

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 27th November 2023

Dear Class Loyal families,

Another week has flown by and, with the weather feeling particularly cold today and the calendars being turned over to December, it is starting to feel just that little bit Christmassy!

I am particularly proud of the children this week, as they have completed their first set of assessments. These are carried out at the end of each term and are incredibly informative to teachers and enable us to identify areas for focus and to adapt teaching and learning to the needs of the children. It is also an opportunity for Year 6 to experience working under 'test conditions'. Each and every one of them tried their hardest and kept a positive mindset throughout and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Alongside assessments, we also completed our Chaperon Rouge writing. The class have really seemed to enjoy this particular unit of work and have worked tirelessly to include high level vocabulary, figurative language and their personal writing targets. So many of the children are becoming more confident with sharing their writing with the class and it is so lovely to hear them complimenting and celebrating the work of their peers. I am very much looking forward to delving into the dark and sinister world of Chaperon Rouge as I read their writing. Well done Class Loyal!

We are still developing our skills of working with fractions in maths and this week has seen us building on comparing fractions with different denominators to adding and subtracting them. I am particularly impressed with the class's ability to use mathematical language in their verbal and written explanations – another area where they have grown in confidence. Next week we will continue the theme, as we tackle different ways to add and subtract mixed numbers. It is always good to explore different methods, so the children can adopt the method that suits them. We are, of course, building up to another 'Big Problem' in Carlo's Bake Shop!

We merged our science lesson with some maths learning this week, as the children investigated reflection and found the connection between the angle of incidence and angle of reflection. This involved measuring using a protractor, as well as plotting results onto a line graph. We have really enjoyed our science learning this half term and this will conclude next week, as we experiment with making a periscope!

After the success of our 1950s Hand Jive last week, we time-travelled forward this week to the 1970s and immersed ourselves in the world of disco! With the music being somewhat slower (we of course danced to Staying Alive by the Beegees!), this seemed to be much easier for everyone to follow and by the end we were dancing in unison. Again, although dancing may not be everyone's favourite pastime, everyone gave it a go and the class showed great collaboration.

Now on to star of the week. This was incredibly difficult this week, with all of the children impressing me with their attitude towards their assessments. However, my vote is going to Bradley. He has been working so hard to master key skills and has remained positive through challenges he has faced. There were two winners in the class vote: Lois for persevering in her learning and being a great friend, and Scarlett for focusing so well in her maths and challenging herself to do her best. Well done to our star of the week winners this week.

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