

# Weekly Learning Reflections



## **Week Beginning: 4.12.23**

Dear Parents and guardians,

The children have been a class act. They have pulled together and worked co-operatively to be shining versions of themselves. Together they have been the best of friends, and kindest of peers sharing their learning to help others to shine.

I must start off by thanking you for sending the empty water bottles to make torches on Tuesday as a part of the Design and Technology project.

### Literacy: Polar Express

“ All aboard!” The children were fizzing with excitement, as they read the author’s journey to Santa’s polar grotto. As they leafed through Christmas classic by Chris Van Allberg, the children were able to grab armfuls of rich description to use on their review.

The children were ecstatic to learn they will be role playing the train journey on Tuesday December 8. They will get a chance to sup hot chocolate in the pjs, cuddling a soft toy whilst watching the animated heart-touching film. This magical countdown to Christmas at school will enable the children to develop their noun phrases, empathise with the characters, and appreciate treasured gifts can be simple, cost nothing or be hand-downs.

### Science

The children were in the spotlight: using a given set of equipment they had to set up and carry out an investigation. The bright sparks, first had to come up with a question to investigate, predict the outcome using previous learning, and carry out the experiment.

The children found the brightness diminishes as the daisy chain of bulbs increased and vice versa. I was impressed with the children’s explanations, and use of scientific terms.

### Maths

The children have been time watching this week.

They have been working hard telling the time to the nearest five minutes past and to the hours. Some children have developed their confidence to tell the time to nearest minute to and past the hour.

Art

Using bold, colours the children painted their Amazon- inspired artwork from last week, on which glue had been applied. Painting on fabric, needed extra care to ensure the paint filled all the dents. The finished abstract artworks will next be washed to remove all traces of the PVA glue to reveal fabric that didn't take the paint. The final outcome rests on what stays, and what comes off in the wash. It's a mystery till then. The Batik artwork will be mounted in the class room's art display.

Pupil Nominated Stars

This week's shining A\* stars are Harlee and Pippa. They have worked to their personal standard and challenged themselves all week to use the school values.

Teacher Star of the Week

This week the children proved themselves to be kind and willing to challenge themselves. I have chosen Alex, Amelia, Dylan and Ted to being the best versions of themselves.

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

Kind regards,

Amarjit