

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning:01.12.23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week the children have been hard at work. They have completed their end-of-term maths and English assessments. I am so proud of all the effort they put into their work.

Science

The hunt was on to find materials that were conductors and insulators. After learning about the properties of electrical insulators and conductors, the children used their previous knowledge of making a circuit to sort objects by their conductivity.

I was impressed with the co-operation that the children demonstrated in writing a logical method. Then, the children undertook their experiments, demonstrating great team spirit and encouraged each other to take the lead to test a different material. Then having established metals are conductors and non-metals are insulators, the children evaluated why household objects such as electrical sockets are plastic and the core of wires are metal.

Batik Art

Inspired by Victorian avant-garde William Morris, the children selected snapshots from their previously drawn Amazon Forest mood board. They transferred these onto fabric using tracing paper. Then came the tricky bit, picking out the lines with PVA glue. Get the glue line too thick the final image will be unrefined, apply it too sparingly, then lines will be murky.

Next week, the children will paint their cloth using colours of the Amazon Rainforest before eventually washing off the glue to reveal the white of the fabric in their Batik artwork.

Music

Tweets, shrieks, howls and growls rumbled through the classroom. Using body percussion, the children reproduced the low pitch animals sounds to turn the classroom into the understory and ground floor levels of the rain forest. Then using glockenspiels, the children created the higher pitch piercing sounds of birds in the lofty emergent and understory layers.

PE

This week concluded the children's Samba dance, incorporating a range of moves learned over the past few weeks, including the shoulder shimmy, box turn and a hip jerking turn. The children loved performing their routines in groups to an audience. Although the boys were coy at the beginning of the unit, by the end they were living up the sunshine music.

Children's Star of the Week

The children chose Dougie and Florence for being brilliant, helpful friends.

Teacher Star of the Week

I have chosen Isaac, Leo, Maddie and Rhea.

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