

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning:01/12

The winter cold seems to have arrived in force this week, but it's done little to dampen the spirits of the class – even though they had to sit a barrage of end of term tests. Much of our English and Maths time was taken up with these, but they will give me a good indication of the amount of learning that has been absorbed through the term and help to inform my planning for next term. In what time we did have, we continued with fractions work in Maths, and in English we started to collate our mythical creature research into sections for our report. We also looked at some of the writing techniques we've studied this year that will be of use in our report writing next week.

In Monday's PE lesson we practised our hand jive and then added in some spins and turns to develop the dance further. The children worked really well in pairs and some were even brave enough to perform on the stage at the end! During our history lesson we learnt what the word philosophy means, and the part Ancient Greek philosophers such as Plato and Socrates play in why Ancient Greece has such an impact on our lives still today. In PSHE we have been exploring the word stereotype. We began this session with 7 photographs of people and 7 job titles/characteristics. I tasked the children to match these up without any further information. To begin with the children shared answers such as "he must be the doctor because he has a shirt" , "she is the dancer because she is pretty" and "he must be the scientist because he is old". We had a great conversation about the assumptions they had made without realising and then made a poster to help others know what they should stop doing and what they should start doing instead, which really evidenced how much they had learnt. The posters had some great messages such as stop saying "you can't have long because you're a boy" and start saying "your hair will look great however you have it".

Today was a very exciting day as we had a special visitor from the north pole and put up our class Christmas tree!

My own star this week is Francesca, for showing great independence in her English work and really developing her confidence in sharing her ideas with the class. The class voted star this week is Lydia because she is kind, helpful and has great concentration. Her peers also commented on her positive attitude throughout test week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Whyte