

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 01.01.2024

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

With a new year upon us, the children have returned back to the school with determined attitudes and focused mindsets. We have started our new learning journeys and the whole class are already passionate about the topics of choice, which is so wonderful to see! Beginning our journey through World War Two topic, linking closely to our new debate statement: 'It is right to fight for what matters'. In addition to this, we have consolidated our learning on multiplying fractions by integers and pairs of fractions, and started looking at variation and inheritance in Science.

Looking at World War Two, we have explored the causes of the outbreak, discussing the events that led up to the official declaration and invasions, as well as considering if there were any mistakes or alternative decisions that could have been made from the Allies. The children have really enjoyed this journey so far, and have been coming to each session with a selection of questions and discussion topics for the class. The knowledge that we are gaining will support their learning over the next couple of weeks, allowing them to analyse and compare genuine sources from the war.

In Maths, we have looked at multiplying fractions, spending a session on multiplying a fraction by an integer and another on multiplying pairs of fractions. The entire class took to this learning so well, really understanding the concept quickly and being able to prove their understanding through a variety of tasks – fluency and reasoning based. Today, we put all of that learning to the test by challenging them to a series of tasks, through a variety of representations, and had them solve them, either independently or in pairs.

Across the rest of the curriculum, we considered the concept and process of variation in Science, how one species can appear in many different colours, shapes and sizes – this did end with a very stressful game of hide and seek with paper butterflies (though I'm well aware that the children got a lot of enjoyment from me failing to find the final two). Following this, we looked at inheritance, as this is one type of variation, and started to look at how genes and characteristics are passed down from our parents. This will be continued next week as well, when we look at it in more depth. In PSHE, the children looked at the importance of keeping safe online and how scarily fast information can travel through technology, and then does not go away. Finally, in Music, we looked at WW2 songs, and the difference in feeling that they hold, compared to songs from the First World War.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Thomas for his amazing work ethic and perseverance, particularly in Maths. My choice for the week is Bradley. This is because he has challenged himself to stay focused and determined through all lessons, and has even met the task of writing a book report to be used in the school library. Well done to both of you!

I hope that you all have time to relax and rewind this weekend, and spend time with your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you for our first full week of learning in 2024 – see you Monday!

Miss Devonshire 😊