

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning:

Update 19/01

This week in English we continued working on our moon landing newspaper stories by completing our research and exploring the difference between direct and reported speech. This will help us put variety into our writing when quoting the astronauts. We also did some reading work on Michael Collins, the often forgotten third astronaut on the trip who didn't get to walk on the moon's surface. In maths we finished our current work on timetables with some children using a real Fareham timetable to plan a day out in Portsmouth using the Number 3 bus. We then moved on to starting a new unit on measurement with a messy but productive first lesson experimenting with length, mass and volume. Everyone was tasked with attempting to estimate various weights and volumes of solids and liquids before using appropriate measuring devices to see how close we were.

In science we spent some time getting acquainted with our local solar system, learning about the various planets and coming up with mnemonics to remember their order. We then designed some posters to capture their relative sizes and record the facts we learned. For that we had a first go at using compasses to draw circles, with some interesting results! In geography we continued our work on the Great Barrier Reef and in RE our work on Humanism gave us pause to think about the Golden Rule and how doctrines don't have to just apply to people with religious beliefs. We had time in music to start thinking about musical notation and how we can record music in sequences of images. In Computing we learned more about the Mars rovers and how computer components such as RAM and CPUs allow them to complete their input/processing/output routines. We then used a simulation to see how effectively we could pilot a Mars rover before its battery ran out, with the greatest number of points changing hands right up to the last minute of the lesson when Holly snatched victory from Amie.

This week's class voted Star of the Week is Amie, who accumulated more votes than anyone has ever had in one week. She was nominated for being kind, listening to others and trying hard with her work. My star this week is Daisy, who has been very busy at home and in school creating resources and posters to help with our moon landing work, as well as ensuring her table's pen holder is always flawlessly tidy.