

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 8.1.24

Dear Parents and guardians,

There once was a man in Tennessee

Kept cookies in his ukulele...

To this thigh-slapping ditty, the children loved learning to strum their ukulele which they affectionately clutched close to their chests. Music teacher Mr Johnson taught the children how to bring the iced gem-coloured ukuleles into life to the Mississippi-style beat.

Science

Through exploration, the children learned about the properties of gases and liquids. By the very act of making invisible air 'visible' through capturing it in an inflatable, the children were in total awe. Then when they discovered gases can be compressed by squeezing air in a blocked syringe, they were amazed. They enjoyed being real scientists using test tubes to pour liquids and understand how fluids take the shape of the container.

English

This was the week that the children took fronted adverbials by the scruff of the neck. Focusing on time, adverb or prepositions, the children practised identifying and writing sentences starting with fronted adverbials around the theme of Harry Potter. The children quickly realised adverbials at the beginning of sentences is a great technique to keep readers reading on in anticipation of how the sentence will end. The children concluded the week by planning Harry Potter's journey down Diagon Alley. They were totally absorbed, and there were times you could have heard a pin drip.

Maths

Having practised their x6 times table at the beginning of the week, the children used these facts to solve time problems. Using the premise there are 60 seconds in a minute, and 60 minutes in an hour the children used their x6, and x10 to change minutes to seconds, and hours to minutes and vice versa. I am very proud of everyone's willingness to challenge themselves.

PE

The children have been practising a variety of balances, and learning how to do a standing jump with poise. To add an extra level, the gymnasts learned how to do quarter and half turns whilst jumping and landing with balance. Once again, I am very proud of everyone's willingness to persevere.

Children's Star of the Week

The votes were very close this week. For the boys it was a tie between Isaac, Joe and Kasper for being kind and helpful. For the girls, Florence was chosen for being brilliant, helpful friend.

Teacher Star of the Week

I had a hard time choosing. Finally, this week I have selected Alfie, Amelia, Carwyn, Dougie and Eloise.

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

Kind regards,

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