

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 15.1.21

Dear Parents and guardians,

The bracing winter has made the outside into a laboratory science- perfect for our learning. Water freezing over into a solid, and solid ice melting into liquid water, has been godsend for our learning...but bitter for all our pinkies in the mornings.

After learning how to read the scale of a thermometer, the children learned about the conditions needed to change liquid into solid ice. Then using ice, the children carried out an investigation to see the rate at which ice melts under different temperatures.

DT

Awesome animals, stunning superheroes and fabulous footballers were all amongst the top dust cover designs by class Nelson's illustrators. The children are designing a book sleeve for a loved book. After analysing a variety of formats, including a pocket and a wraparound sleeve, the children designed a personalised blueprint, with a fastening, for a favourite soft or hardback. Over the next few weeks, the children will put their needlework skills to the test, when they sew fabric into a unique cover.

English

There was magic in the air as the children wrote their version of Harry Potter's journey into a wizards' Nirvana. Tasked with revealing Harry's character from his description, actions and speech the children worked hard to breathe life into their hero using their senses as the hero time warped through Diagon Alley. I was impressed with the children's willingness to work hard to use precise language to create the rich goings-on in the Alley of wise wizards and wizened witches.

Maths

Learning times tables through games, and singing to videos is helping the children to consolidate and improve their accuracy. Some children are consolidating their x4 while others are learning x9. The children enjoyed finding the patterns and using the facts to solve reasoning problems. This week some children are learning the similarities and differences between using the grid method and expanded formal column to multiply 3-digit numbers by 1 to assess which is the most effective method for them. Top marks go all the children for challenging themselves all week.

History

Lavatorial smells coming out the walls is thankfully not something we now have to live with. Wattle and daub were the norm in house building during the Anglo- Saxon period, as indeed were agricultural smells seeping out the walls. Shrieks of "Eeh," and " Yuck," followed any mention that the daub was made from manure and mud. The children learnt about the different types of homes, and what has changed and stayed the same.

Children's Star of the Week

The votes were very close this week. For the boys, it was Ted and prize goes for the girls, Maddie won the prize being kind and helpful.

Teacher Star of the Week

I had a hard time choosing. Finally, this week I have selected Boodie for doing this best.

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

Kind regards,

Amarjit