

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 4th March 2024

Good afternoon Class Loyal families,

Well it was straight back into learning this week, following our exciting adventures last week. The children have coped really well adjusting back to our normal routine and meeting learning expectations set.

The children have returned from their residential with so many great memories and stories that we felt it was a perfect opportunity to capture this in our next English unit. Therefore, Year 6 will be writing and producing a persuasive leaflet aimed at families to try and convince them to take a family adventure holiday at Marchants Hill. The children who didn't join us for our residential were given the option to write about another place/park of their choice, although I think they have heard so much information from the returning holiday-makers that they probably feel they came along as well and have decided to focus on Marchants Hill as well! This first week of our learning journey has focused heavily on looking at exemplar texts and using them for different purposes – to practise our Master Reader skills of decoding, retrieval and inference, to identify the key features to include in our own writing and to collect key vocabulary and phrases to use. These leaflets will start to take shape now, with the children choosing the focus for each topic paragraph before using key persuasive techniques and power language to write each one, using their own experiences to influence their writing. We look forward to sharing these with you soon.

We picked up our learning journey on ratio this week in maths, focusing on scale factors, as well as recipes. The first part of the week saw the children using their accurate drawing skills to draw a number of different shapes, before they used their ratio skills to scale the picture up or down by a specific scale factor. We then turned our attention to the real-life skill of following recipes. The children explored how using ratio tables can help us to adjust a recipe, without ruining the end product! All of this learning led to our 'Big Problem' today, which saw them taking part in the Great British Bake Off, completing a number of 'baking' challenges for the judges. The children persevered so well through this task and there were a great deal of 'star bakers' at the end of the lesson. Well done Class Loyal – great maths this week. Next week, we will be focusing on geometry.

The children seem to be really enjoying their PE lessons this half term. On Monday, we continued to practise the skills of handball, as we experimented with the rules around taking steps and dribbling. This is a new sport to many of the children, although they are able to apply many of the skills of other invasion games, such as netball and basketball. On Wednesday, we tried to master the forehand swing in badminton, mainly trying to aim the shuttlecock at a specific target. Some excellent perseverance used throughout the lesson this week Loyal!

Science was a real highlight for me this week, as we made electrical circuits and drew them accurately using the correct symbols. It is always exciting when the children can explore for themselves and plenty had a go at adding components and even making their own switches.

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Theo, who has identified by all of the voters for the same reason – for working very hard all week. Theo always gives 100% in lessons and shows great enthusiasm for all curriculum subjects. He enjoys a challenge and always wants to achieve his best. My vote is going to Morgan, who has shown such brilliant independence this week, in all subjects but especially reading and maths. Morgan is always happy to give things a try and share his ideas with his peers – he has done this many times this week. Well done to you both.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mrs Holmes