

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 15.3.24

Dear Parents and guardians,

To the tempo of sea shanty 'What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?' a tongue-in-cheek version was co-scripted with the children.

Then using sweeping lashings of artistic licence, the children had a whale of a time coming up with the song below:

What shall we do with the grumpy teacher?

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Early in the morning.

Chorus 1: Make Mr Johnson run a mile for nothing.

Chorus 2: Soak Mr B with some icy water

Chorus 3: Lock Mr May inside the PE cupboard.

Just as well, as the teaching staff have inch-thick hides, and are gluttony for punishment!

On the morning of the performance, the children overcame their nerves, picked up their ukuleles, and sang to a packed hall during a whole school assembly.

It was a perfect moment. Class Nelson showed themselves to their best to a wowed audience. It is a freeze-frame moment to treasure and one that many will reflect on for years to come. I am immensely proud of every child.

Geography

Dark, milk, or white or an indulgent centre or even tingling stem ginger? Which type of chocolate melts you? The children followed the journey of bitter cacao seeds from trees, before being laid to ferment under a blanket of banana leaves.

The seeds are trucked and roasted, nibs are crushed and liquified, before being shipped and turned into chocolate bars to please, tease, and appease.

English

A girl didn't want for much. Love from mum and dad, and a cuddle from her dog. The children read and pored over a picture book by Tom Percival as Isabel's family fell on hard times and were forced to move to a part of city down on its luck.

The children used a variety of strategies to step into the shoes of the eight-year-old girl in the book *Invisible* to plan a moving diary steeped with emotion and 'show but not tell' phrases.

Maths

This was the week that children entered the decimal world of numbers. They explored decimals to 1 and 2 decimal places.

After understanding the value of each digital place, the children explored how to find decimals and their fraction equivalence and represent them in various ways. The children will consolidate this next week to understand decimal numbers in real-life contexts and round numbers to the nearest tenth.

French

The class board now always has the date written in French at the insistence of the children. This is the culmination of the children learning how to count to 31, learn the days of the week, and most recently the months.

The children have been developing their pronunciation and read and write sentences in French.

Children's Star of the Week

There was heavy voting this week. In the boy's category, this week's stars are Isaac, Leo, and Kasper.

In the girl's category, there was another tie between Amelia, Eloise, and Florence.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week I have selected the following for challenging themselves all week: Matilda, Millie, Rhea, Jensen, Ted and Thomas.

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

Kind regards,

Amarjit