

## Weekly Learning Reflections



### **Week Beginning: 1.3.23**

Dear Parents and guardians,

Nelson's Junior Bake Off kitchen was red-hot with activity as the seven teams vied to become master cookie makers. Working as pastry chefs, the teams organised themselves to sift flour, roll dough and cut biscuits. All the pâtissier chefs worked collaboratively to take turns to take the lead role, and the duties of sous chefs to create their melt-in-the mouth delights. I am so proud of the children for working collaboratively, and offering to help each other help.

#### Poetry

After planning their poems, the children got down to writing their beastly verses. They worked hard to create a beat, and carefully craft figurative language to enhance imagery of things from the depths of their imagination. The children became aware of the challenges of pithy poetry writing and the demands it puts to using the appropriate language with precision for the intended effect.

#### Maths

Why can fractions look so different yet still have equal value? Using fraction walls, the children explored how to find families of fractions and demystify the complexities of equivalent fractions. With everyday life swamped by streams of decimals, I am proud of the children persevering to understand the abstract world of fractions. I am also impressed with their continued effort to learn their times tables, their hard work is paying dividends- confidence and accurate recall of facts at pace is plain to see on their TT Rockstars scores. A big well done to all the children.

#### Music

The children were treated to a biscuit medley music when they consolidated their learning to the song:

"There once was a man in Tennessee

Kept cookies in his ukulele

Now cookies are such crumble things

He dropped some crumbs all over the strings."

To accompany this upbeat swagger of a song, the children have been improvising lines from the sea shanty "What shall we do with the drunken sailor?" to play on a ukulele. They are practising the words and chords as they will be playing their ukulele ensemble to the whole school in assembly.

Children's Star of the Week

Jessica received the glory of star of the week, and Frankie and Isaac were voted as a star amongst in the boy's category.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week I have selected a clutch of stars: Celia, Dylan, Dougie and Rhea.

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

Kind regards,

Amarjit