

Weekly Learning Reflections



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Invincible ventured forth into the Summer Term this week, starting a lot of new topics in the process. In English we looked at two story openings to compare them, consider how the main characters are introduced and what we learn about them. Opinion was divided on whether Kitty and her mysterious bookcase or Lilly and her magical bag would lead to the more interesting story, but the debate we had about it was fantastically well thought through. We also related this to story mountain planning; breaking down the stages of a story into sections. In maths we continued our work on accurately measuring angles, even going as far as measuring the angles in a wonky house plan to see where the designer wasn't quite using proper 90 degree corners. Today we started to draw our own.

In geography we began to explore biomes, and in doing this will look most closely at how humans can live and thrive in desert conditions. We used this to gain an understanding of why the equatorial belt isn't the hottest part of the globe, but the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer are. We then learned about the Mojave desert in America and imagined what it would be like to live there. In Science we started a new unit on forces. To consider what gravity is, we wondered whether the size of a planet affects the gravity it exerts, and took to the playground to draw the planets in chalk to get an impression of how they relate. While our Earth had a one metre diameter, Jupiter needed 11.2 metres to keep in scale, which was quite a challenge for the group given that task!

In PE we worked on keeping a consistent pace in distance running in athletics, and in tennis on Wednesday we practiced the difficult forehand groundstroke. We've also started to learn how to program computers to play music, what a sacred place is in RE, and today in art as part of our unit on portraits we did some research into artist Chila Kumari Singh Burman, a mixed-media artist famed for creating fun art that also makes you think.

This week's class voted star of the week is Holly, who was nominated for working very hard in maths, being independent in all her learning and apparently doing what she's told! My star this week is Dexter, who has really thought his work through and contributed some very good explanations in maths.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Self.