

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 18th March 2024



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

This week has been a true testament to the progress that the children have made so far this year, academically and personally. They have worked tremendously hard in their assessments throughout the week, showcasing perseverance, determination and challenge in every paper that they were given. Alongside this, they have proven themselves to be wonderfully responsible and reactive teammates, ambitious learners and talented contributors – they have really done themselves proud!

Our mornings this week have been blocked with our practice SATs assessments, as this allows us to make a pit stop and evaluate the progress that the children have made so far this year. It also grants the children with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the process of the upcoming tests, so that when they are taking the real things, it isn't as daunting as it might have seemed in September. The children powered through a Reading paper, and a SPaG/Spelling paper, and the three Maths papers (one arithmetic and two reasoning). Every single one of them impressed me with their focus during the times of testing, they were able to assemble all of their knowledge from their years at Ranvilles, including some very fresh knowledge from Year 6, and demonstrate their brilliance on paper. These tests can be a guide for us to see who needs any additional support prior to the exams in May, and will impact our teaching once we come back after Easter.

For the rest of the curriculum, in PE we have continued our development in Handball and Badminton. On Monday, the children were using the skills that they have learnt so far in Handball in game situations, but focusing on the art of interception and defensive strategies. This class does have some competitive characters, which is never a bad thing, and this really makes an appearance during these types of sessions. However, the competitiveness that I witnessed was really healthy, and supportive, for the rest of their team. I saw countless examples of encouragement and positive communication between teammates, helping each other and sharing tactics during the gameplay. We did also spend some time debriefing at the end of the session about the importance of good sportsmanship and how it is key to clearly communicate with your peers and maintain a positive ethos within your team in order to be successful.

In Science, we conducted an experiment looking at the different brightness levels of bulbs when the quantity of them increases within a circuit. We discussed our predictions, using our prior knowledge from the earlier lessons of the unit, and then set up our investigations. Using data loggers, the children were able to create clear tables that showed their findings effectively and succinctly. Many of the children found their predictions to be correct, and were able to explain the reasons behind the results.

In Geography, we looked at the differing energy sources that are present around the UK. After the initial challenge of being able to label where a selection of cities are in the UK, we were able to have

a rich discussion about why different cities would use different energy sources, and what was available to them. The second half of the lesson saw us tackle grid references. The children studied an OS map of a UK city, immersing themselves in a Where's Wally style game of find the landmark. The speed of their discoveries increased quickly, as they grew in confidence. By the end of the lesson, all children were able to successfully use four-figure grid references, with some challenging themselves to use six-figure ones as well, to provide that additional detail.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Payten. The reasons behind this decision were for her amazing work and progress in Maths for this half term and her achievements in her Maths arithmetic paper (she even surprised herself by achieving full marks!). Also, due to her consistently high level of effort and attention that goes into every subject. My choice for Star of the Week was Eason. This was due to his wonderful piano mini-concert that we were treated to at the end of last week, during our Music lesson, showcasing his progression outside of school. As well as this, his constant desire to challenge himself and push his own limits; he never stops trying to improve his work and this enables him to maintain a superb work ethic. Well done Payten and Eason!

Also, a quick shout out to the amazing footballers in Endeavour, who represented our class, and school, incredibly when they played Locks Heath on Thursday afternoon. I managed to make my way onto the field to watch the majority of the games and, from what I saw (with my limited football knowledge), it was a true masterclass of the sport. All of you should be so proud of what you showed on that pitch, and the way you held yourselves throughout every game.

I hope that you all make the most of your three-day weekend, taking the time to switch your brains off temporarily (you all deserve it), ready to switch them back on for Monday morning – just for four more days though, before Easter!

Miss Devonshire 😊