

Weekly Learning Reflections



This week in maths we have perfected our angle measuring skills and can now confidently use a protractor to draw and measure different sized angles. We will be using these skills next week in our 'big problem' when we hunt for captain Blackbeard's treasure!

In English this week we have been planning the start of our portal stories, in which a character will be transported out of their mundane every day life into an exciting adventure. Portals are popular in children's literature, whether that be a wardrobe leading to Narnia, a rabbit hole leading to Wonderland or a gap between station platforms leading to the Hogwarts Express. This week the class's imaginations have been running wild coming up with their own ideas.

In science we undertook another interesting experiment, this time making a variety of parachutes to see how air resistance works against gravity. One of the mind-bending concepts we explored here was that without air resistance, all objects fall at the same speed. To see this, we watched a video of astronauts on the moon dropping a hammer and a feather, only to see them hit the ground at exactly the same time. We then used the work of Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei to explain this!

In geography we looked at where in the world we find deserts, used Google Earth to see how they are different. In computing we started to learn how to use software called Sonic Pi to program music, for the first time using actual written code instead of snapping blocks together as we do with Scratch. In our actual music lessons, we are now back with Mr Johnson for this half term to progress our ukulele playing. In art we are continuing our exploration of self-reflection through portraits, this week taking photographs of ourselves to manipulate into some truly amazing work using pastels and collage.

Lastly, I would just like to kindly ask that all homework is uploaded to Google Classroom, a few children were upset that they weren't awarded any house points after doing their homework but not uploading it. This meant that I wasn't aware they had done it. Viewing the work the children have done at home gives me a great insight into how much they have learnt, the progress they are making and any areas we need to continue working on. It also gives the children valuable time to practise what they have learnt and fully embed the learning. It would be great to see more children uploading their homework each Monday. If there are any problems with this please let me know 😊

Our class voted star this week goes to Ethan, for challenging himself to improve his presentation and persevering throughout the week! My own star this week is Emily, who has had a fantastic attitude towards her learning and has also persisted with her spelling challenges!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Whyte.