

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 22nd April 2024

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

It's Friday once again, and this week has, as always, consisted of the blood, sweat and tears (of laughter) from all of the children. They are getting into their stride once again and have continued to challenge themselves, personally and academically, in order to achieve wonderful things over the past five days. From building steady hand games in DT, to researching and ordering the digital inventions over the years in Computing, the children have used every ounce of their brains at every opportunity.

In English, our reading sessions have continued, happening from Monday to Wednesday, where the children have continued to work on those key comprehension skills. The progress is already evident with many of the children, as more hands are being raised, desperate to share their ideas, filled with confidence after finding that one piece of evidence that we needed for our perfect response. The benefits of these sessions are very clear to see. As well as that, during our Thursday and Friday sessions, we have moved on to the drafting stage of our biography writing. The children have now researched their significant figure, and are ready to write everything about their person and their impact on history. We have spent some time focusing on the importance of maintaining formal voice when writing in this genre, and how we can accomplish this effectively and accurately. In the most recent lessons, we have evaluated a range of introductions and discussed the strengths and weaknesses of them, before writing our own.

Statistics has been the domain of this week, with everything from tally charts and pictograms to line graphs and pie charts – we have interpreted them all! Beginning with reading bar charts and evaluating responses and data, before moving swiftly on to a recap of the parts of a circle, and tackling pie charts. The class have been very impressive with their interpreting skills regarding pie charts, and have been able to successfully answer a wide range of questions, giving their answers in numerous different formats. Our daily arithmetic papers have been a hurdle that is consistently jumped over with ease, with all children now confident in finishing the paper (some with time to spare, used to diligently check through their answers). These tests support the children in building up their stamina and focus, whilst allowing for regular practice of the key mathematical skills.

Across the rest of the curriculum, we are slowly but surely becoming professional tennis players, with this week's lesson looking at backhand. There is still the need for a reminder to keep the tennis balls relatively close to crowd and not soaring past your partner's head and 100 metres into the distance - but progress is being made. The atmosphere on the playground remains positive and encouraging, and everyone is eager to make progress and start playing some matches! Our Athletics training is coming along just as well, with the children having to tackle a tormenting 6-minute run in

Wednesday's lesson. The objective looked at the importance of pace and how we can make sure that we don't get tired out too quickly when running for longer periods of time. It was a test of endurance and the children made me proud with their perseverance and determination (especially during that last minute when their legs probably felt like jelly!) DT has been a large focus for us this week and we are now partway through the key building stage of our steady hand game. All designs are complete and the creations are in process, hoping to be finished very soon!

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Eason, because of his consistently high level of effort and quality of work in Maths, and for always being a good friend. My choice this week is Sam. He is a wonderful example of a student who is passionate about their learning and is constantly wanting to challenge themselves to be better. Sam shows determination and focus in all lessons, sprinkled in with humour, adding to his 'where can I fit Marvel into today's lessons?' tally regularly. Well done to Sam and Eason!

I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned rest and enjoy your weekends, spending time with your loved ones and making the most of the opportunity to rest your brains – you deserve it! I will see you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊