

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 15th April 2024

Good afternoon Class Loyal families,

It has been full steam ahead in Year 6 this week, as we begin the children's final term at Ranvilles. Summer term is jam-packed for us, with plenty of learning opportunities, new experiences and, of course, preparations for the children to leave us and move on to secondary school.

This half term will see the children sit their SATs tests, during week beginning 13th May. It is important that they feel supported and prepared in the build-up to the week and we are working hard to ensure that we do this, whilst ensuring that they do not feel overwhelmed. As such, we have planned plenty of opportunities to revisit prior learning, practise skills that we find tricky and polish others that we are more confident in. This week, Class Loyal have loved our daily SPAG quiz and have become rather competitive over it! The points awarded will be rolled over until next week, when the quiz will continue!

Our new English learning journey is centred around a significant figure in history. After debating what makes a person 'significant', they chose the person that they would like to write about. Today they began to research about their individual, collecting facts and information ready for them to begin to craft a biography about them. The children have chosen a wide range of famous people, from Albert Einstein and Florence Nightingale to Emmeline Pankhurst and Thomas Andrews.

In maths, we tackled algebra this week – a topic which often causes some anxiety! However, it is safe to say that over the course of the week they have all started to love it and can now calculate unknowns in algebraic formulae, as well as generate their own formulae to help them when solving specific word problems. In MAT, we have changed the format slightly, enabling us to revisit a different area of maths from earlier in the year and practising the skills associated with it. This week it was decimal word problems, BODMAS, rounding and imperial measures.

Class Loyal have been very excited about our PE focus for this half term – tennis and athletics. On Monday, we attempted to perfect our forehand in tennis, despite the very strong winds! We decided against putting the nets up in case they blew away and we're hoping for a nice calm breeze for lesson two next week. In athletics we focused on sprinting – practising the technique and using a friend to observe and give feedback. The lesson concluded with a 400m relay race, where each team (of four) had to sprint a distance of 400m collaboratively. This meant negotiating how far each person would run and whether they would run this in one go or alternate. They soon realised that plenty of strategy is required to be successful!

We have been working hard on our steady hand games this week too. Many of the class are at the stage of connecting their electrical components and putting it all together. We will be finishing these next week and I will post some photos of them for you to see. I'm sure the children will enjoy playing each of the games and evaluating them.

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Lily for working incredibly hard all week – many of the votes identifying Lily's efforts in maths particularly. Indeed, she has been so focused and determined to achieve her best, resulting in her gaining full marks in her arithmetic. She was also identified for being kind and supportive to others. My vote is going to Reece, who has made an excellent start to the half term, particularly in English and maths. He has shown an excellent attitude and a desire to produce his very best. Well done to you both.

Wishing you all a fantastic week,

Mrs Holmes

I have nominated everyone for Star of the Week this week, as it is simply impossible to highlight one person. Every single member of the class gave their all in the assessments and deserve to be this week's star.

I hope you enjoy a relaxed weekend. I will see you bright and early on Monday morning Class Loyal, with another four day week leading up to the Easter break.

Mrs Holmes