

Weekly Learning Reflections



In English this week, we put the finishing touches to the portal stories we've been writing. Having planned this carefully, we could follow the structure of a proper story opening and each paragraph features a variety of techniques that we've recently studied. This week we focussed on the journey through the portal itself and what that would look and feel like, and then how we describe the new land on the other side of the journey to make sure the reader knows our character is now somewhere very far from home.

In maths, we returned to fractions to combine prior learning into the process for adding mixed numbers where the denominators are different. This requires several different steps, but the class did well in thinking logically through how to approach the problems. We also took part in the Big Problem that finished our previous unit, searching high and low around the school this morning using angles knowledge to find Captain Blackbeard's treasure.

On Tuesday, we continued our work on forces in science with an investigation into water resistance. We created different shaped 'missiles' to drop into cylinders of water to see if we could design one that would drop the quickest. This also meant that we had to practise some precise weighing skills to be sure that each missile was made from the same weight of plasticine to make the test fair. In computing, we developed our musical coding skills further by combining last week's drum loops with a melody playing over the top, moving us closer to a final composition. The software we are using for this, Sonic Pi, is free to install and a lot of the children have really got into making their own music. Now that we've practised ground shots in tennis, on Wednesday we got out the nets to see if we could progress further by thinking about how to place the ball on the other side of the net. In PSHE we thought about responsibility and independence and how those two words might mean different things if you're a child or an adult. Finally, in art we finished our portrait unit by evaluating the various different methods we've used to create self portraits over the last month and settled on the piece we liked the best.

This week's class voted Star of the Week is Scarlett. She was nominated for being a great friend, always helping and being kind. My star this week is Robyn, who has really come alive recently in her effort and enthusiasm for work.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Self.