

Weekly Learning Reflections



In English this week we focused mainly on improving that will help us with the portal stories we have started writing. We refreshed our minds with reasons why we change paragraphs and also looked at how adverbial phrases help us link them. We also explored tension in story writing and looked at ways writers create tense moments that draw the reader in and slow the pace. In maths we started to apply our knowledge of angles to shape and how we can work out missing angles if we have the right information. It seems strange to think that a straight line has an angle of 180 degrees, but it's really just two arms of an angle laid flat.

In geography we learned about physical features we might find in a desert, such as mushroom rocks and mesas. It's amazing how natural erosion over thousands of years can shape rock into something that looks entirely unnatural. In computing we continued to program music using Sonic Pi, this time looking at drum samples and how to loop them into beats. It's fascinating how this uses knowledge we have learned in music lessons, applied through writing carefully constructed code. We also saw some impressive results in our art this week as our unit on portraits begins to come to a close. Everyone chose their favourite methods from our recent work and put together a final piece, combining paint, pastels, photography and collage. Some of these will make their way to the art corridor to go on display. In PE we

started to look at how to relay a baton on the field, and on the playground we saw some impressive rallies as our tennis skills begin to become more accurate.

Of course, the highlight of the week for the children were the trips to the Winchester Science Centre yesterday and today. The centre is a wonderful place to explore science in a hands-on way, and the day was packed with things to do and explore. To tie in to our current work on forces, we all took part in workshops with experts on how to launch a rocket, which got very competitive. We also experienced an amazing voyage into our solar system in the planetarium, building on our solar system work from the autumn. It was fantastic to see the class so engaged and enthused with what they were doing and seeing.

This week's class voted star of the week is Ivey, voted on very quickly at the end of the day today once the second group were back from Winchester. The teacher star this week was Romeigh, picked by Mr Masson for her effort this week.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Self.