

## Weekly Learning Reflections



**Week Beginning: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Good evening Class Loyal families,

What a wonderful sunny week we have enjoyed this week! It makes such a difference enabling the children to benefit from plenty of fresh air and exercise, particularly in a busy week like this one!

Despite the long weekend, they arrived on Tuesday morning raring to go. A highlight for me was Science on Tuesday afternoon when we investigated heart rate and the pattern between the size of different animals and their heart rates. Class Loyal are such an inquisitive bunch and always enjoy our science lessons, bringing their own knowledge to our enquiries but always being keen and hungry to learn more about the world around them.

We also developed our French learning further by discovering the French for different items of clothing. With our topic being 'Going on holiday', this lesson was all about packing our suitcase and the items we wanted to take with us. The French dictionaries came in very useful when the children realised that the vocabulary list provided included 'toothbrush - *brosse à dents*' but not 'toothpaste' which, of course, was a must pack item!

Due to the bank holiday, our Monday tennis session was postponed, but on Wednesday many of the class enjoyed our next athletics session in the sunshine. With sports day fast approaching, this topic sees us focusing on a different skill each week to ensure the children are ready for the multi-discipline events to come. This week it was all about throwing. The technique for the throwing events is absolutely key and the session enabled them to practise throwing the discus, vortex and shot put before listening to feedback from their partner and attempting to improve their distance each time. Such great collaboration between many of the children enabled clear and precise feedback to be received and built upon. Well done!

This week the children really have shown me their best, as they have polished their skills ready for our SATs week next week. At Ranvilles, we pride ourselves on preparing the children well for the assessments, whilst maintaining our philosophy of giving them an enjoyable and engaging learning experience each day. I honestly feel they are ready to shine brightly next week. My favourite quote from the week has to be, "I'm actually really looking forward to it!" This takes me back to the beginning of the year, when many of the class had questions about SATs – this was definitely something they worried about in September. My advice to them was to work hard, enjoy their Year 6 learning and challenge themselves wherever possible and then before long it would be May and they would be tackling their SATs with confidence and pride. I'm not sure they believed me at the time but I already know that they will do exactly that next week.

Whilst our morning sessions will be determined by the SATs timetable, we will ensure that the afternoon sessions include opportunities for the children to be physically active and also

enjoy some creative/artistic activities. Friday will be an opportunity for them to relax and celebrate their successes – more information on this will follow early next week.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend – let's hope the sun continues to shine!

See you on Monday, Class Loyal – I am immensely proud of you all.

Mrs Holmes