

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 29th April 2024

Good afternoon Class Loyal families,

It's hard to believe it is Friday already – this term seems to be flying by already. To be fair, our days are jam-packed from beginning to the end and this week has been another fantastic one in Class Loyal. I have been incredibly impressed at the learning attitudes of the children, particularly the way they have taken all the challenges of the week in their stride.

Our reading focus this week has been on key strategies to navigate and infer from a range of texts. It is such a pleasure to observe the children confidently exploring and responding to new texts – great work everyone! The latter part of the week has taken us back to our writing unit on biographies. These really are beginning to take shape now, with the children using their research to construct an engaging and informative biography about their chosen figure from history. In Class Loyal we really value 'purple pen' editing time, which enables the children to check their work for spelling and punctuation, as well as explore with alternative vocabulary and sentence structures.

It was back to the domain of geometry in maths, as we revisited co-ordinates before focusing on translating and reflecting shapes. With a strong focus on our arithmetic skills for the first part of the lesson, the children have seemed to enjoy the chance to plot co-ordinates and draw shapes on co-ordinate grids, before translating or reflecting them. As well as polishing these skills, we have also returned to prior learning for our daily MAT sessions. This week has seen us familiarise ourselves with the protractor and use it to accurately draw a range of shapes, before converting a range of measures in my measurement codebreaker, which led the children to a truly hilarious joke – well I thought it was anyway! Finally, the class worked collaboratively to apply their long multiplication and long division skills to attempt to 'Escape the Room'.

Science was a particular favourite with everyone this week, as we discovered all about blood. We used different items, such as oil and food colouring to replicate the different components of blood, before learning about the function of each one. Of course, we had already learnt about red blood cells and their important job in the circulatory system, but this week the children discovered the role of white blood cells and even watched a video clip of a white blood cell 'digesting' bacteria.

Our ukulele lessons are progressing well and I have seen a real change in confidence with so many of the children from when we started in Autumn term. This week we continued to practise our chords, as well as different strumming patterns, all whilst singing at the same time!

Now on to start of the week. The class voted for Layla, who was identified by others for her superb effort all week and for being a great team player. From my perspective, Layla is always positive and a ray of sunshine in the classroom. My vote went to Ruby who has had

a fantastic week. Ruby sets high standards for herself in term of her effort and presentation of her work and this week has been no exception. Her science work was a particular highlight – with a detailed description of the components of blood, along with a beautifully drawn diagram. Well done to both of you.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Holmes