

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 16th September 2024



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

It has been such an amazing week this week: the children have persevered and collaborated across the curriculum and created some wonderful pieces of work. We have worked an intense shift at The Millionaire Club, tried our hand at charcoal artwork and mark making, and carefully classified numerous species of frogs. The children have been supportive of each other, and have maintained a brilliantly productive working atmosphere all week long.

In English, we were drafting and publishing our letters of application for Year 6 job roles. After detailed discussions surrounding appropriate grammar and vocabulary, in order to demonstrate a developed understanding of the English language, the children were immensely focused on writing their letters. We focused on the key purpose of each paragraph, making sure to include evidence to justify each point. During the editing sessions, the children checked that they had included a range of grammar techniques that we had practised in PPP each morning, so that their writing was comfortably at a Year 6 standard. Today, we have started publishing the letters and the concentration and attention to detail was extraordinary. It was extremely evident that every single member of the class cared so much about the quality of their presentation and handwriting – you could have heard a pin drop!

The Big Problem was our concluding lessons in Maths this week, which saw the class working a shift at The Millionaire Club – an esteemed group that only millionaires can be a part of. Using all of the knowledge and skills that they had practised and perfected this week, there were a range of questions that the children had to solve: seating the diners depending on the digits in their fortunes, ensuring that temperatures met their requests and calculating their updates fortunes whenever they received a profit (or a loss) from their company. The class has worked diligently over the past two sessions to complete their booklets, demonstrating their understanding of place value, negative numbers, rounding and sequencing to succeed in their shift.

Across the rest of the curriculum, Science saw us studying branching keys in our classification unit. Branching keys are used as a method to classify and group animals depending on their common characteristics – in our lesson, we focused on classifying vertebrates. Our starting activity saw us comparing different species of frogs (something that seemed to make Ethan's day), which meant that the children were having to look at specific colouring on the frogs' skin. Then, we moved onto more general groups of animals, classifying dogs, penguins, dolphins and monkeys. In Art, the children were exploring with mark making. Using charcoal and natural tools (leaves, twigs and pine cones) the children attempted to create a variety of patterns, inspired by Mayan art. This exploration will aid the children when they create their final piece later on in the half term. In

French, we continued our unit looking at sport and the Olympics. Our focus shifted towards the global element of the Olympics, as we looked at using the verb 'aller' to express travel plans. This lesson was a challenging one, due to the fact that it is quite grammar heavy. However, the children persevered and asked questions to ensure clarity in their work so that they were able to work to the best of their ability.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class vote ended with a tie! With over 15 people receiving at least one vote, it was Penny and Declan who came out on top. Penny's reasons were due to her being a kind and caring friend, and always trying hard in lessons, and Declan's reasons also linked to his kindness – even creating and giving a drawing to someone to cheer them up – and trying his best in lessons. My choice for Star of the Week this week is... Lydia! Lydia is consistently focused in lessons, always contributing ideas and willing to support and coach those who need it. She listens intently to feedback and acts on it immediately, and is always looking for ways to push herself in her learning. Well done Penny, Declan and Lydia!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the sunshine whilst we still have it (there seems to be a lot of rain heading our way next week!). A reminder that it is Bikeability week next week – there will be a separate post about that with all of the required information for you. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊