

## Weekly Learning Reflections

**Week Beginning: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

As another week of Autumn term comes to an end, myself and the children took some time today to reflect on their first month in Year 6: the independence that they are showing, the creativity they are showcasing and the challenges that they are facing and accomplishing. It has been such a wonderful experience getting to know them all so far, and having the pleasure of witnessing them step out of their comfort zones. This week has seen more unfamiliar challenges than most, as the children have completed Bikeability, and there have been numerous displays of perseverance and teamwork across the class. It has been within the classroom where their creativity is the driving value, through Art and English – the children have continued to impress me with their imaginations.

In English, we have started our new unit, named ‘Mystery Keys’. The children each have a personal key, with a unique design, and are having to write a descriptive narrative about a character finding this key and being transported into a different world. We have spent a couple of lessons this week exploring the possible worlds that we could visit, and using clues on our keys to suggest which world will be featured in our story. Today, we used technology to collate a variety of images that will aid our planning sessions as visual stimuli. It has been incredibly fascinating being a passenger to the children’s thought process, seeing where their minds travel to and what they think of along the way.

Our focus in Maths has been around addition and subtraction, recapping the key skills that they have practised over the previous years at Ranvilles. Once these have been mastered, we have challenged the children to take on some more complex questions, looking at missing numbers and problem solving (finding all the combinations). An interesting lesson this week was rounding to estimate – many of the children initially found the concept of not needing the completely correct answer very confusing, and automatically wanted to work it out in order to be 100% accurate. However, after a couple of examples and one or two suggestions from others, soon there was rich discussion occurring around the class, as people compared their strategies.

Whenever the children become very animated when discussing their ideas and solutions, it’s so nice to take a seat and observe all of their minds at work, as they collaborate and evaluate each other’s propositions. Today, we had a brilliant problem-solving session in MAT, which had many children incredibly passionate about sharing their potential solution to our problem. It consisted of a lot of teamwork, a lot of starting over again and a lot of resilience, but we ended up with a wide range of correct answers.

Across the rest of the curriculum, the children completed their Bikeability training this week, which saw them going out onto the playground and the nearby roads in small groups, with qualified instructors. They practised and mastered key skills and improved their confidence when cycling on

roads. In Art, we were looking at symbolic imagery, specifically in Mayan art. The Mayas believed that everyone was born with a spirit companion, who guided them through the challenges of life (similar to an astrological sign). We explored these signs today, considering which sign resonated with us the most and created our own Mayan tile that represented their personality and passions in life.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Emily. The reasons behind this choice were because of her constant perseverance in lessons, particularly in Maths, as well as her growing confidence and creativity in English. Also, she is always kind to those around her and is a good role model to all. My choice for Star of the Week is... Felicity! Felicity has been on a role this week, offering ideas and answers in every lesson, showing resilience and challenge across the curriculum and going above and beyond in her learning. Well done Emily and Felicity!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and spend time doing the things you love with the people you care about. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊