

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 9th September 2024

Dear Class Loyal families,

It's been another jam-packed week this week! The term is certainly in full swing now and the children are very familiar with the routines and expectations of Year 6, regularly showing the best of themselves as Ranvilles learners.

In English, the children have worked with great focus to write their letters of application for the Year 6 role they would like. With the hard work of structuring their ideas in a plan completed last week, they were able to focus on the vocabulary and sentence structures this week, to enable their notes to transform into engaging and flowing paragraphs. With the audience and purpose always at the forefront of our minds, the class have experimented with persuasive techniques and different language choices and considered the impact of these on the reader. Purple pens became our tool of choice yesterday, as the children spent some time editing and improving their work, firstly to ensure all the elements of our 'Every Piece, Every Time' criteria is met and secondly to up-level vocabulary choices. Today, they began publishing a best copy of their letter before they are presented to Mrs Williams and Ranvilles staff next week for consideration. I am very proud of each and every one of the children; they have all demonstrated their determination to showcase the best of themselves through these letters.

In maths, our number and place value learning journey came to an end this week. This was after we had revisited negative numbers, using the concept of 'taking the lift' (using a vertical numberline) to identify differences between positive and negative numbers and Roman numerals. Our maths units always end in a 'Big Problem' and this one was called 'The Millionaire Club'. The concept was that the children were working at the club and needed to use all of their skills practised through the two-week unit to organise the guests, ensure they receive the correct meal, adjust the room temperature to suit each one, and much more. The children worked with good focus and applied a variety of skills to solve each mini problem. Next week, our first addition and subtraction unit of work will commence, as the children build up to a new 'Big Problem' all about Pizza Hut!

We continued our classification work in science this week, focusing on the skill of organising organisms using a classification key. This is quite a complex skill and requires the children to compare the characteristics of organisms and generate questions which have a yes or no answer. Although our scientific knowledge was tested at times in terms of the characteristics of different birds and mammals, many were successful in generating questions and creating their own classification key.

With our class target of successfully collaborating with different people in mind, with week's OAA session in PE certainly tested this. This unit focuses on communication and highlights the importance of all members in a group working together towards a collective goal. Much perseverance was required for one particular activity, where teams needed to pick up and carry a ball from one hoop to another just using a hockey stick each. Every member of the group needed to ensure their stick was touching the ball and plenty of communication was required to make sure all team members maintained a similar speed and focused on their role. After a few failed attempts, all of the groups managed to be successful and identified the importance of communicating beforehand (to ensure they are all clear of the plan) and during the task (to adapt the strategy as needed).

As you are aware, Monday to Wednesday next week is Bikeability for our Year 6s. Please see a separate post with information regarding suitable clothing and storage of bikes coming into school.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday morning Class Loyal.

Mrs Holmes