

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 8.9.24

Dear Parents and guardians,

This week, the children followed the journey that our food takes from the mouth to the nether regions in science. Giggles and shrieks of shock filled the classroom as the children watched a demonstration of food move through a model of the digestive system. Squeamish peeping through fingers shielding their eyes and wide-open mouths gasped as the waste finally emerged as 'poo'.

The children worked hard to learn about the function of each key section of gastric tract, and why scientists use models with an understanding of their limitations.

Art

To explore tints, the children added dabs of white paint to a base colour to build up swatches of ever lighter shades of the hue. Their results wouldn't have looked out of place from a DIY store colour range. The children were amazed by the striking range of hues they could make. Next, the pupils learnt how to deepen the shade by incrementally adding black. I am so proud of their collaborative work. They applied their techniques to create a 3-D effect in paint.

Literacy

Wild animals and children- there is an affinity between the two. In literacy, the children explored a text about the Indian Flying Fox to find features of non-chronological texts. They discovered why photographs are key, as without the images we would have never realised what the creature looks like; it is in fact the world's largest bat weighing a punchy 1000g. The bat's name certainly had us foxed. The children then read about a wild animal, before learning how to take notes in readiness to write a report next week.

Maths

Singing to times tables songs the children enjoyed reminding themselves of x4 and x6 times tables facts. Next, the children used their preferred method of addition, and subtraction to demonstrate their competency in a wide range of contexts.

French

After a virtual visit of Paris' Louvre Museum to see the tapestry of treasures that grace the walls and marble pedestals, the children tuned up their vocal chords. The children explored how adjectives change depending on whether they are describing a boy or girl, such as sérieux or sérieuse and heureux or heureuse. I was very impressed with the children's efforts to coach their friends.

Music

Up tempo and vibrant, the children listened to the summery sound of Samba. After learning about the main percussion instruments and their distinctive sounds, the children had a chance to play the instruments.

I have been impressed with the children's efforts to work hard and showcase their collaborative skills throughout the week.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Nico and Ruby-Mae. Both of the stars have proved to be fantastic friends, kind and hard working.

Teacher Star of the Week

This week's stellar performers are: Alana, Elsie, Harriet, Isla, Imogen, Jenson, Mildred, Naveen, Ruby B, Ruby T, Tamsin, Sam, Savannah, Seb, Zakai. They have worked to their personal standard and challenged themselves all week to use the school values.

I hope you have a super weekend with your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Amarjit