

# Weekly Learning Reflections



## Week Beginning:

Happy Friday 😊

Determination, hard work and enthusiasm have to be the children's words of the week this week as they have showcased them in bucketfuls.

The dictionary has been our focus book in English this week in order to begin using them as a resource to support ourselves in our writing. The children started of the week ensuring that they are confident when ordering words alphabetically. They challenged themselves to look at multiple words that start with the same suffix to order by second, third and even fourth letters. This skill was key as we began to locate words in the dictionary. The children considered the phonetic sounds to help locate words and ensure that the correct letters are used when spelling. It was a challenge for many but perseverance shone as they tackled it with a smile.

In maths this week we began by exploring informal methods for addition and subtraction using physical resources to support thinking. Thursday and Friday have seen us begin to explore a new written method for addition – the expanded column method. This method ensures that the children understand the place value of each digit in a number in order to add. Presentation has been the key to success and will continue to be as we begin looking at the subtraction version next week.

The children of Year 3 have impressed many teachers in the school with their amazing times tables skills throughout the week. Our times tables songs have been the secret to our success. Here are the links if you would like to give them a go at home – I warn you, they are catchy!

3s – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JG8hRwH3JJM>

4s - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU\\_E0u-tP4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU_E0u-tP4)

On top of English and Maths mornings our foundation subjects have kept us busy in the afternoons. We finished our bionic hands in Science on Monday and now understand how bones, muscles and ligaments work together to make our fingers move. In French this week we developed our conversation of greeting in both verbal and written forms. Whilst in art we applied our learnt sketching skills by channelling our inner Charles Darwin as we crafted detailed botanical drawings, exploring all parts of flowers and leaves. Another famous name popped up in Geography on Wednesday as we heard extracts from Ernest Shackleton's diary which enabled us to use grid references to plot his perilous journey to the Antarctic on a map.

### ★ ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★

Teacher Star of the Week this week is Ffion. Ffion was nominated for always being a kind and caring member of our class. She has a real zest for learning and tackles every challenge with determination and a quiet confidence. Keep being amazing Ffion.

Child Star of the Week is Brody. Brody you had so many wonderful things said about you today. It was lovely to see the smile on your face grow when you listened to why your peers nominated you. They noted how kind, caring and fun loving you are. All qualities of a great friend. They also said that you work hard and appreciate your sensible and determined demeanor in class. Well done Brody, fantastic reasons to be recognised for. Well done to our stars.



Hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hunt 😊

