

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 30th September 2024

Good afternoon Class Loyal families,

We have reached the end of another week in Year 6, jam-packed with new discoveries, super achievements and creativity.

In English, the children have been making all the preparations necessary to write their narrative pieces next week. This week has been all about the planning stage – generating and organising ideas into a structured plan. After evaluating good examples last week and picking out the key criteria needed, we set to work this week ensuring we understand certain grammar structures, can generate ideas using them and finally add them to our plan. Vocabulary was a key focus today – over the last two weeks we have used a variety of texts and activities to magpie language for our working wall so today, the children challenged themselves to add some of these words into their plan in order to use them next week. Particular favourites were: ethereal, unforeseen, precariously and disorientated.

In maths, we completed our second learning journey of the year resulting in the ‘Big Problem’ today. The children showed they are really secure in their formal methods for addition and subtraction, so this week we focused on decimals. Calculating with decimals can often seem scary, but after identifying where we could make mistakes and generating our ‘Big Ideas to Remember’, the children soon realised that it wasn’t so bad after all! This all led us to our Pizza Hut problem today. The children were working for Pizza Hut and were required to cost, charge and give change to the Ranvilles teachers who had ordered a meal. I always like to put challenges into my ‘Big Problems’ and I’m happy to report that the class are getting much better at identifying them and not falling for the traps! Another brilliant unit of work everyone – we move on to multiplication and division next week.

It was great to get back to our scheduled PE this week, following Bikeability last week. On Monday we focused on making decisions in basketball about when to pass the ball and when to keep possession of it. Our skills are definitely improving each week, although there is still some double dribbling going on, so we’ll focus on that next week. On Wednesday, it was more collaborative problem-solving in the hall, with the groups collecting items from a ‘pond’ using equipment provided to them, plenty of creativity and collaboration too.

Plenty of fun was had by all in science, as we explored the characteristics of invertebrates. Who thought that being given the task to create a realistic model of a worm, snail and spider would lead to such impressive observational skills being used. Many didn’t know that a spider had an exoskeleton or that they had jointed legs!

This afternoon, we had a fantastic French lesson, putting together all of the vocabulary we have collected over the last few lessons and using it to structure sentences about sports we play, whether we like them and why.

Now on to Star of the Week. The class voted for Romeigh, for always being focused on her learning and completing tasks with a quiet determination. My vote went to Dylan T, who is such a great role model to others in the class – he is always one of the first to be focused and ready to learn and shows fantastic perseverance in his learning. Well done to you both.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – see you on Monday Class Loyal.

Mrs Holmes