

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 7th October 2024



Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

It's been another busy week in the Class Loyal classroom, so time has flown by again.

In English, the children completed their first narrative learning journey of Year 6. They have brought plenty of creativity to this unit of work – using an unusual key to spark their imagination, planning and writing a narrative full of suspense and intrigue. Focus and determination has been the name of the game over the course of the week, as all their ideas and planning accumulated into a final written piece. Each child has been working hard to meet their writing targets, whilst also using new, high-level vocabulary in my vocabulary challenge. I am very much looking forward to finding out the different places that their keys will take me as a reader.

A new learning journey started this week in maths, with our attention turning to multiplication. In the early part of the week, the children explored factors and multiples with the help of practical resources and visual prompts. The journey then took us on to prime numbers, with plenty of reasoning skills being used to work out whether particular numbers are prime or composite. In the latter part of the week, we have consolidated our skills of formal written multiplication, whilst solving a range of reasoning and problem-solving tasks along the way. Next week we will continue on this journey towards our next 'Big Problem' of Paultons Park Spooktacular Surprise!

On Thursdays, in Maths Application Time, I introduce the children to a complex problem, which links to our learning from the week. These problems require specific problem-solving skills to solve, such as working systematically, trial and error or working backwards. These tasks are a real highlight of the week for me, as we collaboratively explore the problem, discuss starting strategies and reason logically using what we know. This week's problem required the children to use their factors and multiples knowledge from the early part of the week to problem-solve. After deciding on our strategies on Thursday, the children set to work this afternoon to find solutions to the problem. Excellent problem-solving Loyal, well done!

Our science unit linked to living things focused on plants this week, with the children exploring the four different plant types and researching about the characteristics of each. There was a real buzz in the room as they discovered new and fascinating facts about the four groups, which make up the plant kingdom: ferns, mosses, conifers and flowering plants. They then used their creative flair to present their findings in their own unique way.

Now on to Star of the Week. The class voted for Mia, for her excellent focus all week and perseverance in her English work. My vote went to Liberty, for always giving 100% to all tasks and setting high expectations for herself. Well done to you both.

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

Mrs Holmes