

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 7.10.24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Open-wide! A real jaw complete with a mountain-range of ridged teeth evoked a fantastic high-level scientific discussion. The animal's jaw revealed a gaping gap where the children expected canines and severely worn-down molars. I was impressed as the children bit down, and focused their teeth to establish the teeth belonged to a herbivore. Many were able to explain the dentition and jaw size must belong to a sheep. The children then analysed a variety of different skulls, and dentition before making up a fictitious animal with a set of teeth adapted to its diet. The children's creations and makeup of teeth were as wild as they were amazing.

Maths

In maths, the children focussed on adding three-and-four-digit numbers. The children practised their written methods by partitioning and exchanging in a range of calculations. The children have continued to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 in a range of contexts. This enabled the children to develop their confidence to cross number boundaries up to 10 000.

Literacy

Mowgli from Jungle Book has become a part of the children's DNA in literacy. They pored over their emotion-soaked diaries which they edited till they were sharper than Shere Khan's canines. Next, the children compared three different story beginnings of the Jungle Book story to siphon off the key ingredients needed for a gripping story opening, including a setting, key characters, intrigue and an authorial tease.

The children took a trip on the wild side as they traipsed through the school's wooded area to soak their senses in a bid write detailed noun phrases ready for next week's Jungle Book story writing.

History

Exploring the lives of children in Tudor times, the pupils took on the role of time detectives to learn about the jobs of 8- and 9-year-old youngsters. The children discovered how apprentices had to toil away for seven years learning a trade, often far away from their families.

I was impressed with the wide sweep of questions and ideas the children had as they role played a children's jobs. Long hours, few luxuries and plenty to complain about was the lot of many child apprentice labourers.

The children were shocked to learn that had they grown up in Tudor time they would have already been in their second year of work toiling from dawn-till-dusk.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Harriet, Isabella, Jenson and Seb. All the stars have proved to be fantastic friends, kind and hard working.

Teacher Star of the Week

I have said to the children if they have tried their personal best, they are super stars. The galaxy of stars this week are: Imogen, Ruby B, Nevaan, Oliver, Kobey, Ruby-Mae, Mildred, Finley, Zakai, Jude, Isla, Nico, Lily, Alex, Alana, Elsie-Mae, Sam, Seb, Arthur, Ella-Mae, Jenson, Oscar, Scarlett, Ruby T, Quaid and Tamsin.

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

Kind regards,

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