

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 30 September 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was great to see you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for coming in, and taking to time talk about your child.

This week has been brimming with new learning and moments to treasure.

English

Kaa's long drawn-out hiss drew deep gasps of shock and amazement in equal measure when the children watched a video clip of Jungle Book. The children had to then capture the emotional turmoil Mowgli was going through in a drama session. For many it was their favourite part of the week.

Role- playing Mowgli, the children got right under his skin to understand the man-cub's character and mannerisms in order to write a no-holds barred diary entry.

The children wrote emotively, pouring out their inner thoughts and secrets into their diaries. I am really proud of their efforts to weave a diarist's voice and include a variety of features.

Maths

Getting right under the skin was also apt in maths. The children have really had to get the 'feel' of the x4 tables and represent their times tables in a variety of ways, including the fact multiplication is in essence repeated addition. Some of the children have been challenging themselves to learn x8.

Rounding numbers up to 4 numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 proved to be challenging especially when numbers change from hundreds to thousands and numbers boundaries.

"Houston, we are ready for go," was the concluding sign off, as the children finished the current maths unit. The children had to use their maths skills to solve a range of problems to launch a moon-bound rocket. All the children showed perseverance, collaboration and good problem-solving skills.

Science

Working as scientists, the children had to help dentists decide whether firmer toothbrushes are better than soft or medium ones to remove stains from teeth.

Having planned their experiment last week and understood the importance of a fair test, the children carried out an experiment in a scientifically controlled manner. Most children had predicted harder bristles would be best at removing stains. After gathering their empirical data and then amalgamating it with those from other groups to improve accuracy, the children were surprised by the outcome. Soft bristle brushes cleaned the best as they are able to mould to the shape of the tooth, the children learned.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Nyah and Quaid. Both of 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,

Amarjit