

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 begun 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

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 ★ ★ ★

Pupil Star of the Week - ★ Penelope ★

The children identified Penelope's kind and caring nature and ability to be an amazing friend. They also noted her creative thinking in art and perseverance when tackling tricky maths problems.

Teacher Star of the Week - ★ Tommy ★

Tommy has to be my SOTW this week as he has shown excellent independence and perseverance skills across all areas of his learning. It has also been excellent to see him challenge himself in his work and in choices around the classroom and playground.

Well done to our stars.

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Hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mori 😊