

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 18th November 2024



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

It has been yet another exciting and educational week in the Endeavour classroom, with children having the opportunity to show a wide range of knowledge and skills every single day. We have been writers, designers, architects, mathematicians, scientists, geographers and even musicologists (could maybe say meteorologists during Thursday's snowy surprise!)

In English, we have finished our instruction guides, explaining how to become an expert in a chosen skill or hobby. From footballers and gymnasts, to frog and lion enthusiasts and unique pizza chefs, we had pretty much everything covered. This week, the focus was ensuring the layout of the instructions were appropriate and met the audience and the purpose of the unit.

In Maths, we continued our fractions unit, this time looking at converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, before ordering and comparing them when the denominators are different. The children absolutely smashed this week of maths, really taking the time during each input to focus on the steps needed for each process – this then meant that they could effectively complete questions independently. We will start next week with the second instalment of Carlo's Bake Shop, using the skills that they have learnt so far.

Across the rest of the curriculum, the children have measured shadows in Science, and investigated the relationship between the size of the shadow and the distance from the object and a surface. In Geography, we discussed push and pull factors around migration, and categorised these factors in social, environmental and economic – I am always amazed at the rich level of discussion from the children in our Geography lessons. In Music, Wallace and Gromit featured heavily, as we watched 'A Close Shave', focusing on the instruments used to create the soundtrack of key moments, adding to the emotion of the scene. Today, we had a DT Day. The children had the task of redesigning the school playground; in order to do this justice, we discussed what made a playground successful and what structures we might find in one. Then, we spent the entire day designing and creating our structures. The whole class became immensely focused on their creations and, even though some didn't go entirely to plan, everyone ended up with some brilliant results.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Emilee. Having only started this week, she has settled into the class brilliantly, has worked extra hard to step right into our learning journeys (despite missing the first couple of lessons) and has shown great perseverance throughout all lessons. My choice for Star of the Week is... Lexi! Lexi has shown great honesty and reflection this week, and has been able to focus on making choices that benefit her own progress, personally and academically. She is explicitly focusing on persevering through lessons that she is not that confident in, pushing herself to be more independent and asking for support when she requires it. Well done Lexi and Emilee!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and I will see you all next week. Just a reminder that we have an Open Morning on Monday for any parents/guardians that are available to come and look at the amazing work that the children have done so far this year.

Miss Devonshire 😊