

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 11th November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another week has flown by in Class Loyal and it's hard to believe that it is time to write the weekly reflections already. In English this week, we have continued to work on our instructional texts, focusing on drafting an informative and engaging introduction. We challenged ourselves to include some high-level punctuation, such as dashes and colons in it too. After this, we had great fun following a set of badly written instructions for doing push-ups, before re-writing them and identifying what needs to be added to make them more precise. We agreed that adding prepositions and adverbs to our instructions enabled the reader to follow them with greater accuracy. In maths, we have turned our attention to fractions and this week's skills were finding equivalent fractions and using our knowledge of factors, and specifically the HCF (highest common factor) to express fractions in their simplest form. These skills were put to the test yesterday in our 'Big Problem', where the children were working in a cake shop and needed to ensure there was enough cake to go round! Our curriculum subjects have seen us explore a wide range of topics, from global birth and death rates in geography and the parts of the eye and their function in science, to visiting incarnation through the birth narratives in R.E.

However, of course the highlight of our week has been our wonderful trip to the Hawk Conservancy Trust today. Linking to our topic of living things and their habitats, we had a fantastic and busy day learning about and witnessing the vast array of majestic birds of prey. As part of the day, as well as having time to explore the grounds and meet many of the species, we were lucky enough to watch two flying displays, the woodland owls this morning and the birds of prey this afternoon. It was good that we all had quick reactions, as there were numerous occasions when the birds flew very close to us – I think they were enjoying the attention! The children asked plenty of questions and also impressed the volunteers and staff with their own knowledge. There are hundreds of photos of the day, which we will be able to share with you at some point (I did get rather snap happy!) but for now, I hope you enjoy this small snapshot of our trip.

Have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday, Class Loyal,

Mrs Holmes