

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 18th November 2024

Good evening Class Loyal families,

It's that time again, as another week has flown by, I sit down to reflect on the many highlights and successes from the week. This week has seen the children embrace new and exciting learning, tackle problems and put their skills and talents to the test.

In English, we completed our instructional texts designed at teaching a novice how to complete a particular skill or activity. The children worked with great focus to ensure they included all of the required criteria in their work, with a particular focus on choosing language carefully to ensure their instructions are precise enough to be followed successfully. After an evaluative purple pen editing lesson, our attention turned to publishing a best copy of our instructions, focusing on our best handwriting and carefully considering the layout. I have really enjoyed reading the varied topics chosen by the children and have learnt so much about topics close to their heart.

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. This meant us applying our prior knowledge of common multiples in order to convert them into a common denominator, making the ordering and comparing far simpler. This learning journey will lead us next week to our second Carlo's Bake Shop big problem, which will see Buddy requiring to know how much of each cake he has left, as well as which varieties are the most popular. Well done on another impressive week of maths, Class Loyal.

It was investigation time in Science this week, as the children explored shadows and the connection between the position and distance of the light source from an object and the resulting shadow created. In Geography, the class learnt about push and pull factors around migration, and which of these were social, environmental and economic factors.

Our week concluded today with a D.T. day, which was definitely enjoyed by all. Their task was to design the perfect school playground and produce model versions of them, carefully considering how to build strong and sturdy structures. This meant they needed to draw on their prior knowledge of structures (their Year 5 work on building bridges definitely came into play) in order to choose the best design for the job. Following the designing process, it was time to build. The children showed so much creativity but also problem-solving skills too, when things didn't quite go to plan. I saw many trying ideas and adapting them along the way, in order to produce something which mirrors their original plan. Well done everyone!

Now on to star of the week. This week, the class voted for Maya, for her kind and caring nature, as well as her focus and independence in the classroom. My vote went to Scarlett for showing fantastic resilience this week and being such an amazing role model to others.

Monday morning marks our first open morning of the year. I know that the children will be keen to share their work with you and no doubt you will be impressed with their efforts so far. I will be around in the hall to answer any questions you may have as well. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Holmes