

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 18.11.24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 4 classrooms were 'broken into'. Paper was strewn across the classrooms, tables upturned, house points scattered and graffiti scrawled on the board.

Three vandals 'signing' themselves as the 'Gotcha Gang' caused havoc in classes Nelson and Victory. On arrival today, our children were faced with a scene that left their mouths hanging wide open.

They interviewed key witness site manager Mr Williams about the pint-sized youths who were seen running away from the mocked up crime scene.

Using their questioning skills, they gathered as much information about the heart-breaking incident as they could in preparation for next week's newspaper report.

The children have not been told it was a set-up in a bid to keep the writing stimulus hook, although many are suspicious about truth about the 'break-in'.

Science

The hunt was on to find materials that were conductors and insulators. After learning about the properties of electrical insulators and conductors, the children used their previous knowledge of making a circuit to sort objects by their conductivity.

I was impressed with the co-operation that the children demonstrated to write a logical method. Then, the children undertook their experiments, demonstrating great team spirit encouraging every group member to take the lead to test a different material.

Next, having established metals are conductors and non-metals are insulators, the children evaluated why household objects such as electrical sockets are plastic and the core of wires are metal.

Maths

Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1 000 is a cornerstone skill the children will use throughout this year. So, it was super to see the children challenge themselves to secure their learning and apply this using place value grid.

The children applied this knowledge to multiply two-digit numbers by 1 digit. If you can continue supporting your children to learn their times tables using a variety of ways, including TTRocks Stars what would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you for the card and plastic water bottles that the children have brought in for the DT projects.

Children's Star of the Week

The children chose Alana, Jude, Nico and Savannah for being brilliant, helpful friends.

Teacher Star of the Week

I have chosen Charlie.

I hope you have a super weekend with your child and loved ones.

Kind regards,
Amarjit