

## Weekly Learning Reflections



**Week Beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

This week has been overflowing with discovery and determination throughout the class, and across the curriculum. The children have really enjoyed working in different ways and learning about new things.

In English, we have continued our narrative writing, inspired by Chaperon Rouge. The focus has been on choosing appropriate language, tone and techniques for the different parts of the narrative – positive and peaceful at the start, before turning sinister and sombre by the end. We spent time watching, and re-watching, the video of Chaperon Rouge, so that we were able to pick out and highlight important aspects and a range of senses to emphasise our description and enhance the reader's experience.

In Maths, we have completed our third instalment of Carlo's Bake Shop, this time looking at adding and subtracting mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have absolutely mastered this concept, paying close attention to each method that we have learnt, and actively participating in discussions around using these learnt skills to work out the necessary calculations for problem solving style questions. Linking to problem solving, our Thursday/Friday MAT sessions this week (where we analyse, discuss and then solve a problem-solving question) was a favourite of the children, so far this term. Following a video to create a mathematical flower, the task was then to work out what fraction a specific, coloured in triangle was of the original square. Initially, the children were stumped. But, with some effective partner/group discussion, and some logical reasoning, we all worked it out in the end.

A curriculum highlight this week was our Art lesson that looked at photomontage. Using a variety of images and magazine, the children were able to tap into their creative sides and compose a completely new image. We had a range of very unique creations, from celebri-tea (an image of a cup of tea with various famous faces inside), berry hurdles (Olympians leaping over mounds of fruit), and eco-friendly trainers (a selection of trainers that had trees growing out of them!) These lessons are always brilliant to grant that level of freedom to the children and for them to showcase their own individuality.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Rory. This choice was due to the fact that he has shown great perseverance in Maths this week, is a consistently positive presence in the classroom, and is there for people when they need some support. My choice for Star of the Week is... Luca! Luca has been utterly brilliant this week: he has shown a huge increase in independence, really challenging himself to tackle more difficult problems on his own, before asking for support; is always

there for anyone in the class and wants to help to cheer them up; and comes in each and every single morning with a huge smile on his face. Well done Rory and Luca!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and take the time to relax and reset before we do it all over again! I will see you on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊