

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 25th November 2024

Good evening Class Loyal families,

This week has been a little different in terms of our routines, however the class have coped really well and, once again, shown the best of themselves. We took the opportunity this week to carry out some timed assessments of the children, both in English and maths. This is usual this time of the year, as it gives us a clear picture in terms of areas the children are confident in and those we need to prioritise going forward into the Spring term. It is also important for us to expose the children to test conditions, to enable them to become comfortable and familiar with this type of setting. I have to say that the children showed brilliant resilience, as well as a real determination to achieve their best. Well done everyone!

The week, however, was not all about the assessments. In English, we started a new and exciting learning journey – suspense narrative writing. To help them to understand the structure and language of a suspense narrative, their morning tasks have been centred around a text called ‘In the shadows’. Today we explored the author’s use of figurative language to create a particular mood, as well as their use of different sentence structures for effect. This led us on to watch the film clip ‘Chaperon Rouge’ – the visual stimulus for their writing next week. This is a dark and sinister take on Little Red Riding Hood and always a firm favourite with our Year 6s. No doubt we will have spectacular narrative pieces recounting the story by this time next week. In maths, we continued on our fractions learning journey, building up our skills gradually. Earlier on in the week we were comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators by finding a common denominator and today we took that skill one step further by adding and subtracting them. Once again, one of my favourite maths lessons have been our problem-solving MAT sessions – this week’s visual problem generated plenty of discussion yesterday, before we put our skills to the test by answering it today.

Our afternoon sessions have been varied and interesting, as always. In geography, the children discussed climate change and challenged themselves to use topic vocabulary, such as greenhouse gases and fossil fuels. Next week’s lesson will link this learning to our overall topic of population change and consider the link between climate change and changing populations. Maths skills were required in science, as the class explored reflected light and discovered the connection between the angle of an incoming ray and the angle of the reflected ray. Next week, we will delve into the world of periscopes!

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Daniel, for working to his full potential in the classroom and being a role model to his friends. My vote went to Dylan S, for showing tremendous determination to achieve his best over the course of the week and being such a kind and thoughtful member of the class. Well done to you both.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – see you on Monday, Class Loyal.

Mrs Holmes