

## Weekly Learning Reflections



### **Week Beginning: 2.12.24**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The children were in the spotlight: using a given set of equipment they had to set up and carry out an investigation. First, they had to come up with a question to investigate, then predict the outcome using previous learning, before carry out the experiment to see if their hypothesis was correct.

The children found the brightness diminishes as the daisy chain of bulbs increased, and vice versa. I was impressed with the children's explanations, and use of scientific terms.

English

The children have been busy finishing and editing their news stories about Gotcha Gang's callous attack on year four's classrooms. The children excitedly penned their pithy articles with active verbs to add immediacy and pace. Thank for keeping the children guessing as to whether the vandals' strike on the classrooms was a set-up. We really should let them in on facts it was all a set-up now the cub reporters have finished their scoops.

The children also have been practising the fiddly prerequisite punctuation skills needed for speech to add to their frontpage exclusives. It was tricky work, but the children valiantly persisted.

Maths

What right have words got to be in maths? When words get in the way of sums it can become very confusing and frustrating. This week the children were exploring how to solve word problems. They developed a range of strategies, including using mathematical drawings and role play to understand how to solve the one and two-step problems. The children then applied their previously learned maths skills to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1 using the grid method. I am really proud of their perseverance and willingness to challenge themselves.

Art

Inspired by contemporary New York based artist Sokari Douglas Camp's word art, the children joined heads to describe their group using positives adjectives. Next, they carefully cut the letters before painting them in solid bold colours. Their typological artwork looks striking worthy of a Turner prize.

Stars of the Week

Pupil nominated Stars of the Week

The children chose Imogen and Zakai. Both of the stars have proved to be fantastic friends, kind and hard working.

Teacher Star of the Week

Ruby Thorne was proved herself to be a superstar. She diligently worked to her very best. I hope you have a super weekend with your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Amarjit