

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 13th January 2025



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

Week two has come and gone as quick as a flash, and the children have been working their socks off every single day! We have been journalists, working for Portsmouth News during the Blitz, solving a selection of problems in order to complete an Escape Room, and so much more.

In English, we have been gathering evidence for our World War Two newspapers, using real sources from Portsmouth in 1941. We have been looking at the bombing that occurred on the 10th January 1941, which was the worst bombing that Portsmouth suffered during the war. The children have been so engaged when looking over the sources, from government press releases, air raid warden reports, and before and after maps. We have also looked at eyewitness accounts and diary entries from ARP John Welch, which has then been added to our notes and planning. I am already looking forward to seeing how these newspaper articles turn out, as I know these children are so excited about the topic and everything that they have found out so far this term.

In Maths, we have been calculating with decimal, which concluded with an Escape Room-themed Big Problem. The week started with a recap of decimal place value, before moving on to adding and subtracting. Once the children had mastered this, we moved onto multiplying and dividing with decimals, which the children quickly worked through as well. Word problems were tackled next, working to highlight the key information before recognising what operations we needed to use. For Thursday's Big Problem, perseverance was the word of the day. The children had to work through many combinations to solve codes and original inputs into machines – it was calculations galore!

A curriculum highlight for this week for us was our History lesson this week, focusing on the Battle of Britain. I am slightly biased due to the fact that the Second World War is one of my favourite topics to teach, but this class are so enthusiastic when it comes to learning about the strategies from both sides, and the decisions that were made and finding out all of the finer details about every aspect. We compared the advantages of both the RAF and Luftwaffe (German Air Force) throughout the events that led up to day of the battle, and the day itself. It was only such a pleasure to teach!

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Rory. This choice was due to his consistent perseverance throughout all subjects, being a good friend to many and for showing strong independence in English. My choice of Star of the Week is... Jenson! Jenson has really pushed himself this week, stepping outside of his comfort zone and working extra hard on his presentation. He has also persevered when faced with challenges in Maths. Well done Jenson and Rory!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and take the time to relax and unwind, taking time to do things that you enjoy with the people that you care about.

I will see you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊