

## Weekly Learning Reflections



**Week Beginning: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

It was fantastic to welcome all of the children back on Tuesday and we really have kicked off the Spring term with hard work and plenty of challenge. This half term sees us turn our focus to our World War Two topic – something which many of the children have been looking forward to since September. This topic will link to so much of our learning over the coming weeks, including English, computing, music and, of course, history.

In English, the children were transported back to September 1941 and the Portsmouth Blitz. They were given the role of a reporter working for the Portsmouth News who had been tasked with gathering information about the event and reporting it in a newspaper report. Today we had our first day in the newsroom and they started to gather key facts from the research provided. All of the sources they were looking at are genuine documents from the time, including a Press Release from the Portsmouth War Office, Portsmouth City Council reports, Service Control Message Forms from ARPs on duty at the time and even copies of diary entries from a soldier who was on duty on the night of the worst raid. The buzz in the newsroom was evident and already the children have gathered so much knowledge to take forward to next week.

In maths, we have reached the end of our work on fractions, with this week seeing us tackle some of the more challenging areas of fractions – dividing them, problem-solving with them and calculating them in pie charts. Plenty of determination has been required, particularly during the latter part of the week, as we tackled the problem-solving. Class Loyal never fail to impress me with their focus and hard work as mathematicians and I have been incredibly impressed with the speed at which they have secured some tricky methods. Well done to you all – we will, of course, revisit fractions regularly to ensure we are continuing to practise but for now we'll be turning our attention to decimals and percentages, as there is a shopping challenge awaiting you for our next 'Big Problem'!

History has been the biggest highlight of the week – starting off with the children learning and researching about the events which led to the start of World War 2. This included discovering all about the Treaty of Versailles, the Great Depression and the Munich Agreement to mention just a few. We then tasked them to work collaboratively to produce a clear, informative and eye-catching timeline about this period of time.

The class star of the week was Mia K, for showing great perseverance in her learning and being particularly caring to others. Miss Jones picked our teacher star of the week this week and wanted to award it to Joseph for being a fantastic team player and showing impressive cooperation and collaboration. Well done to you both.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Holmes