

## Weekly Learning Reflections



**Week Beginning: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

It's been another busy week this week in Class Loyal, plenty of focus and challenge in English and maths, plus discovery, exploration and creativity in our curriculum subjects.

In English, the week has been split between comprehension focus in our new groups and continuing to research, plan and organise the information for our WW2 Portsmouth News newspaper report. On Wednesday, we were back in the newsroom, continuing to gather key facts from a range of sources. The children applied their skills of reading and identifying the key information to extract from unfamiliar texts presented to them, as well as note-taking using bullet points to ensure they copy the information accurately. We were also introduced to another witness account this week, a lady called Jean Gamble, who was a resident in Portsmouth and recounted the events of 10<sup>th</sup> January 1941 from her perspective.

In maths, we have settled into our new maths groups and explored decimals this week. Decimals can often seem scary but this week we have explored how we can calculate with them as confidently as whole numbers, as long as we understand the importance of the decimal point and decimal places. Next week, we will build on this learning by seeing how fractions and decimals link to percentages, before using bar models to find fractions of amounts and discuss percentage increase and decrease in real-life scenarios. That will lead us to our next 'Big Problem', which is called Tesco Trolley Dash. For this challenge, the children will be shopping for me and need to identify the cheapest deal for the products I need, using their understanding of decimals to two decimal places and percentages.

This week's highlight of the week has to be Wednesday PE lesson. Our dance unit this half term centres around two different styles of dance and the first one is Bhangra dancing. Usually on a Wednesday we have a depleted class, due to swimming, but with swimming moved to Friday afternoons, the whole class were able to experience the joy of Bhangra dancing. Miss Jones led the class formations brilliantly and I have to say that every member of the class gave it their all!

Today, we said goodbye to Miss Jones, who has been a student teacher working in Class Loyal for some time now. She has been such a brilliant member of the Year 6 team and has made such an impact on the learning in our classroom over the last few months. We wish her lots of luck in her next placement.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Holmes