

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 20th January 2025

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

Week three of this half term has really flown by! The children have especially impressed me this week with their excellent focus and enthusiasm for their lessons.

In English, we have been working hard in our focus groups, practising key skills and developing our understanding. In my focus group, our learning focused around a text called the Lions in the Round City. On Monday, we explored the language in the text before generating our own Master Reader questions, ready for a whole group reading comprehension the next day. We also focused on grammar and this week's main topic was adverbs and adverbials. The children enjoyed exploring the different ways adverbs and adverbials can add to writing.

In maths, the children built on their decimal learning from last week by linking them to percentages. Once we had mastered this concept, we looked at the different ways that percentages are used in the real world. The children had many good ideas, such as shop sales, mobile phone battery power and even the increase of prices of household bills. Over the course of the week, we built up our confidence at finding percentages of amounts and percentage decrease before we tackled the big problem. In this problem, I had given the children a shopping list and asked them to 'visit' Tesco and buy the cheapest option for each item. After a little guidance with the first item, they were soon in full flow and were able independently apply everything they had learnt over the week to successfully choose the right products and calculating how much they spent altogether. Next week, it's time to focus on... time! Reading and interpreting timetables will be the main focus and we will use the Greyshott Avenue bus timetable, as well as the Eurostar timetable to bring the learning to life and give it a real-life context.

We had a fantastic PSHE lesson this afternoon, discussing the importance of good emotional health. We identified things that we could do to promote good emotional health and then each pair produced one page for our very own Class Loyal self-help book, which will be put on the bookshelf for the children to read. Their page needed to include facts, advice and top tips, as well as be eye-catching. However, this week's highlight of the week has to be this afternoon's music lesson. Linking to our history topic, we explored the music of World War 2. After warming up our vocal cords, we learnt the melody and words to the famous wartime song 'White Cliffs of Dover' Many of the children joined in with excitement and even those who were a little apprehensive at first, were giving it a good go by the end. We will continue to work on this song, bringing in harmonising and singing in rounds over the course of the unit. Well done Class Loyal, I thoroughly enjoyed learning about and singing this song with you.

Now on to Star of the Week. The class chose Dylan T for his great collaboration with others and showing excellent resilience in our dance lesson on Wednesday. I chose Willow, who has worked tirelessly this week, particularly in English and maths to achieve her best. As a result, she has produced work to be truly proud of. Well done to you both.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Holmes

