

# Weekly Learning Reflections



## **Week Beginning: 16.12.24**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here's all the best of the week:

All Aboard!

Lined up outside Nelson Railway Station toys in hand, the children were on cloud nine, at nine sharp. On the shrill of a whistle, in they filed on the 'train' with a golden ticket in hand for a ride of a life-time aboard the Polar Express.

Then the wave of Xmas magic took over, and off they went into the make- believe winter wonderland.

Dressed in the pyjamas, the children watched the classic sipping hot chocolate, and cuddling their favourite toy. Hot gossip about the characters, and what was coming up kept the buzz going as locomotive climbed up hills, down valleys and across a frozen lake ever closer to North Pole.

Resplendent with chocolate moustaches, the children discussed the similarities and differences between the book and film, and the ins-and-outs of the flick.

The film proved to be a firm favourite in a vote, however others preferred the book as it fired their imagination to create a world using the delicious noun phrases.

The Big Debate: Is It More Important to be Powerful than Different?

I was absolutely wowed by the children as they picked through their half term's learning.

Are indigenous Amazon Rainforest tribespeople's right to maintain their lifestyle and stand up for their way of life, more important than powerful multinational industries' push to keep the wheels of commerce turning?

Leafing through PSHE learning, the children concluded being yourself is more important, no matter how lonely that path might be.

Then the debate moved onto PE: dare to stand out or being part of the powerful majority? The children debated whether being part of a powerful team triumphs glory seeking. Some argued solo sports such as gymnastics and athletics need individuals to stand out and to above the majority average.

Crimble time

The afternoons were filled with ribbons, wool and coloured paper as the children, like fevered Santa's helpers, set about making gifts and decorations to take home. I was particularly impressed with the creativity the children wove into their creations, such as the cards and decorations.

Miss Poole's has loved her time at Ranvilles. She would like to share her thoughts as below.

I'm Isabella Poole, and I have been teaching in class Nelson for 9 weeks. I have loved working with the children; I've learnt a lot from being in their class. They have shown me how

amazing they are, and it's been great to see their progress over the weeks. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you next year.

#### Stars

We have not singled about any a single star and the children did not choose an individual.

In true Christmas spirit all the children have been amazing stars.  
You have yourself a wonderful Christmas with your family and loved ones.

Till 2025, all the best.

Merry Xmas and a happy new year.  
Amarjit and Isabella.