

## Weekly Learning Reflections



### **Week Beginning: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

It feels like the weeks are flying last, we are almost at the end of another half term! The children have worked incredibly hard this week, focusing on numerous different skills to help their learning: perseverance, problem-solving and evaluation - to name a few. We have been completing science investigations to compare the success of different beak types of Galapagos finches, analysed the real-life experiences of a Portsmouth evacuee from World War Two, and have started to build up an impressive 70s disco dance routine.

In English, the comprehension groups have continued, with the focus of this week being a poem called The Highwaywoman. This poem was written as an additional narrative to the classic poem 'The Highwayman', and follows the narrative of a woman who had a strong dislike for the highwayman, and she speaks negatively of his outfits, his demeanour and much more. In the end, it is revealed that it was actually the highwayman who kills the highwayman, which is different to the known story! As well as this, the children have had the opportunity to start typing up their WW2 newspaper reports. Every single one of the children has been so passionate about the planning process of these newspapers, wanting to include all of the information that they have gathered during English and History lessons. I am really looking forward to seeing the final result from all of their hard work, using newspaper templates and actual images from the war.

In Maths, the domain focus for this week has been all about measurement. We started off the week by looking at what measurement units the children were already confident with and their knowledge of converting. Estimating was also discussed and explored, as the children looked at benchmarks to enable them to estimate the weight, length and capacity of a selection of classroom items. As the week progressed, the focus shifted into problem-solving, as the children used their knowledge of conversions and key facts in order to prepare for the Big Problem: Marchants Hill Measures. This task offered the children multiple opportunities to work out which activities would take the longest amount of time, what time they would have to leave certain locations, how much drink would be left at the end of mealtimes and how much money the kitchen would need to pay for everyone to have hot chocolates with marshmallows! This meant that the children had to use their knowledge from the past to weeks to answer the problems. The focus within the classroom was at the highest level, and the buzz around the task topic also added to the interest and engagement. Determination was maintained, excitement was contained and the children managed to remain accurate and detailed with their working out.

For the curriculum highlight this week, it has to be History. It has been obvious since week one that this class includes many high level historians, and everyone has enjoyed our World War Two focus. To be able to spend some time this week, looking at the real life experiences of a Portsmouth evacuee, and compare their experiences to what the children already know about the war, was truly brilliant to witness. In pairs, the children explored and discussed extracts from the diary of the evacuee, and created an emotions graph of their experiences. This task allowed the children to see the unfortunate but honest reality that many evacuees faced during this time, and the emotional toll that it would have had on these children. The level of interest throughout the lesson never dipped, and it led to the children

having even more questions about the evacuation process.

For Stars of the Week this class chose Oscar due to his brilliant perseverance in Maths and constant enthusiasm throughout all of the curriculum. He is a wonderfully positive member of the class. For my Star of the Week I chose... Emily! Emily is always a brilliant member of Class Endeavour and she consistently brings positivity with her every day as she goes around the school. Her effort levels always remain at the highest level and she gives everything a go - whatever is thrown at her, she does her absolute best. She is also a tremendously kind person within the class, and can always be relied on to support those who need it and check up on people who she thinks might be feeling a little bit down. Well done Oscar and Emily!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and spend some time unwinding and resting after another busy week. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊