

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 10th February 2025



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

Just like that, another half term comes to an end! The children have worked so hard this week, with a big focus on our Debate Week topics, looking at our half term statement: It is right to fight for what matters. Across all curriculum, the determination and focus has been maintained and everyone has worked brilliantly until the final minute of each lesson.

In English, we have remained in our comprehension groups, analysing texts linked to World War Two and answered a range of questions on them. This allows the children to still practise their reading strategies that they have been working on this half term and also gain more information and evidence for them to use in the Big Debate. We looked at first-hand accounts from different perspectives, including a British soldier, describing life in the trenches, and a German child, witnessing the harsh treatment of the Jews in the early years of the war. This led up to our debate today, in which the children were wonderful at articulating their different points, building on and challenging arguments made by their peers. We try to encourage that every child in the class makes at least one contribution for their side as part of the debate; the rest of the team are willing to support in creating and expanding points for them to use throughout.

In Maths this week, the focus has been shapes. We started off on Monday looking at 2d shapes, checking to see which ones the children were able to recognise and describe using mathematical vocabulary. Then, we moved onto looking at the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals, focusing on their properties and how they can be categorised and compared to one another. This led to us calculating angles within these shapes. The children had to use their prior knowledge to remember the total degrees of all of the angles within each shape, and use the angles that they were given to solve the missing angle. Finally, we looked at measuring angles for ourselves. Exploring with protractors, we looked at the key ideas to remember when using protractors, before the children drew and measured their own angles and checked their answers with peers.

The curriculum highlight for this week has got to be PE. The children have spent the past three weeks learning, choreographing and perfecting dance routines, using 70s disco moves. These moves have worked their way into most of our Stormbreaks, and the soundtrack has worked its way into many assemblies over the past couple of weeks – it's safe to say that the class are big fans of September by Earth, Wind and Fire! Each group spent half of the lesson rerunning the dances that they have crafted over the previous lessons, before performing it to the rest of the class. It's a tall task performing something in front of the whole class, and it isn't always something that everyone is comfortable doing, but everyone stepped up to the plate and showcased their dances, and there are even videos to prove it!

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Kodi. This choice was based on his constant positivity and smile every single morning (often accompanied by a little song), his kindness to everyone in the class and his very impressive performance in the school's netball match. Miss Duffin's choice for this week was... Jonty! Her reasons behind this choice were that he is always trying his hardest in every single lesson, and never gives up when faced with a challenge, and he is happy to help anyone in the class who might need it. Well done Kodi and Jonty!

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term, and take the time to rest up and unwind from a very busy half term. Make sure that you enjoy those lie ins and downtime, you won't get much of it when you return for that first week back! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

Miss Devonshire 😊