

## Weekly Learning Reflections



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

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

This week has flown by – we have packed plenty in and the children have been their usual focused and dedicated selves.

Our English groups have been working hard again this week on our reading comprehension skills. In my classroom, our sessions have focused around the poem ‘The Highwaywoman’. To help the children to understand the context around it, we first listened to a reading of the famous poem ‘The Highwayman’ by Alfred Noyes. After inferring about the feelings and intentions of the Highwaywoman and how it links to the original poem, we compared the two poems for their language and structure. We have also covered another area of grammar, looking at verb tenses and understanding the difference between perfect and progressive tenses. Today the children completed another independent reading comprehension on an unseen text, applying the skills we are regularly practising and carefully considering the conciseness of written answers.

In maths, we explored the domain of measurement, with plenty of opportunities for the children to learn practically using real-life equipment. We ensured that we can use our division skills to read and interpret different scales, before learning how benchmarks can help us when estimating the weight, length or capacity of something. We then turned our attention to converting between different units of measure, using our multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 skills. This led us to our Marchants Hill Mayhem problem yesterday, when we needed to assist the PGL staff with a variety of tasks using our knowledge of measures. We are also completing a weekly arithmetic practice paper, to ensure that we are constantly practising key skills and building confidence – I have certainly seen this within my maths group and today was a real success. Next week – 2d shape.

My curriculum highlight for this week has to be P.E. on Wednesday. Although a handful of children were a little apprehensive about our Dance unit earlier in the half term, they have fully embraced the second style of dancing that this unit includes – 70s disco dancing. This week, we joined up pairs to make groups of four and their task was to create a dance sequence incorporating their paired moves for last week. We also introduced some freeze frame work at the beginning, with the children starting their dance sat on chairs, imagining they were arriving at a 70s disco in a car. We will continue this next week and perfect our sequences ready for a performance, however their efforts on Wednesday were very impressive!

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Flo, for her hard work all week and collaborating so well with others. My star of the week is Darcy, who has shone brightly this week for her unwavering focus and the exceptionally high standards that she sets herself in terms of her work across all areas of the curriculum. Well done to you both.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Holmes