

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 10th February 2025

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

As we reach the end of another half term, it is an opportunity to reflect on what has been a spectacular half term in Class Loyal. All of the children have shown impressive focus in lessons, participated with interest and enthusiasm in lessons and have been excellent role models to the rest of the school in terms of their behaviour and attitude.

Being Debate Week, our focus in English has been to add to our already impressive knowledge gathered through history, computing and music, and gain further perspectives linked to our debate statement 'It is right to fight for what matters'. Whilst taking the opportunity to continue to practise our comprehension skills, we have used a variety of different texts to learn more about the impact of war on soldiers and civilians of all ages. This morning, all of this work came together in our next Big Debate. I am so proud of the children and it was a pleasure to listen to their debate – they made very valid and mature points around the subject, linking to evacuation, life in the trenches and the experiences of individuals in concentration camps. They also brought in their geographical knowledge, discussing the locality of Britain to countries who were invaded and focused on the importance of national security. Every member of the class participated in our debate and articulated their ideas – well done to all.

In maths, we have been exploring 2d shapes, revisiting the triangle and quadrilateral families, as well as other polygons. The middle of the week was all about angles and the children used their knowledge of different triangle and quadrilateral properties to identify missing angles. We also learnt a formula which can help us to calculate the internal angles of any regular polygon without using a protractor! Talking of protractors, today's maths lesson was an opportunity to practise using them accurately to both measure and draw angles.

On Wednesday, we ended our dance unit of work with final performances. Each and every group choreographed, practised and performed their own routine inspired by the 70s disco style moves that we had learnt. It was a pleasure to watch their skills of collaboration and creativity. Well done everyone.

The whole class deserved star of the week this week – it has been the most fantastic end to the half term with everyone giving their all. However, a particular mention goes to T'yanna, who has had a particularly impressive week, collaborating with others and working hard.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely half term. When we return, it will, of course, be time for us to depart for Marchants Hill. I am really looking forward to taking Year 6 away and have no doubt that we will make very special memories that they will treasure for a long time. Please can I remind you of the Marchants Hill booklet, which was posted on Class Dojo recently – this provides you with all of the information you require to plan and prepare for your child's trip. However, I will be posting a daily countdown from tomorrow on the Marchants Hill Dojo page with top tips, which I hope you will find useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any queries.

See you soon, Class Loyal. Mrs Holmes