

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 10.2.25

Debate: Red or blue?

In the mind-bending classic sci-fi film Matrix, Neo is given a choice by rebel leader Morpheus to decide: red or blue.

Like Neo, the children's mettle was tested, should they take the red or the blue or even the orange card? Take the rebellious route or the pious? The classroom was buzzing with angst as the children wrestled with the what to do as a companion to Harry Potter on their journey through a portal into a virtual world of Diagon Alley.

Once in, they were in the jaws of a dilemma after mind-numbing conundrum. Each card pitched them against a testing choice. Decisions, decisions, decisions...what to do the children debated.

The children's tortuous journey challenged them to explain their choice and how they felt emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

I was impressed with their incredible maturity, level of discussion and debating skills.

Literacy: Who will buy this wonderful wand?

After deep diving into persuasive texts the hunt was on. In teams, the children deconstructed reports to distil the language and devices that are used to flatter the reader, and win over their hearts and minds.

Next, the children sketched their own design of a wand complete with detailed noun phrases to sell to celebrated wand seller Mr Ollivander from the book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Mr Ollivander, owner of a wand emporium from Diagon Alley, will be well and truly buttered up and slick-looking by the children's persuasive letters.

History: Goodbye Norse gods, hello Christendom

Rome eyed pagan Anglo-Saxon Britain with pity, a nation lost. The pope's ambassadorial saints were dispatched to sow Christendom to save the souls of England. The children researched saints who were often ignored by the masses for being too stand-offish and lacking the common touch. That is, until Saint Aiden travelled from hamlet-to-town converting all in Northumberland. The children worked hard to research a saint of their choice using a variety of sources. They have produced some superb work.

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to student teacher Miss Poole. She has worked with the children for the past 10 weeks; we have all gained from her dedication and hard work. We will all miss her. We all hope her a fantastic future, she will make a great teacher.

Children's Star of the Week

The votes were very close this week. Nico and Savannah were crowned stars of the week for being kind, caring and super coaches.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week Miss Poole has selected the whole class.

I hope you have a super half term with your child and loved ones.

Kind regards,

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