

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 27.1.25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pursing their lips and blowing hard through a cow's horn turned into a labour of love. Like every wannabe king attempting to pull Excalibur out of a stone in fifth century Anglo-Saxon England, everyone tried blowing; faces went from red-to-purple-to-puce. Alas, there was no 'Arthurs' among us who could make the horn sing.

Like Anglo-Saxons 1500 years ago, the children braved the wind, rain, hail and thunder to learn about life in England. Being able to see genuine detectorists finds from Anglo-Saxon took children's breath away. When they had a chance to handle life-size shields, helmets and chain mail they had truly time travelled back in time in their mind's eye.

Wrapped in blankets, facing an open fire which just about emitted just a breath's worth of heat, the children handled replicas of household objects ranging from everything from shoes, to everyday items of clothing to stags' antlers.

Building was a job for every man, woman, boy and girl. At its foundations, every wall started with wicker weaving, the children learned how to weave as a part of a team. They were living the lives of the ground down Anglo-Saxons when they were grinding herbs with a mortar and pestle for all forms on ailments.

Finally, using their archaeological skills, the children worked in teams to understand how spoils from digs are examined to understand the past.

I am very proud of the children, they are an asset to you and the school.

Science

The conundrum of why people lick their finger and hold it up to the elements to see whether to put the washing out had the children scratching their heads. Just when should you put out a pair of cotton socks: wait for a sunny spot, or hang them out even though its overcast and windy?

Learning that this is a subject for scientists, had everyone puzzled. After investigating the process of evaporation, the children carried a series of tests to examine the best conditions for water to change into a gas.

Sparing the children from fetching their washboards and doing the washing, the experiment involved the children dipping their finger in warm and cold water wait for the water to evaporate. In a second series of tests, the children modelled a breeze and a gale force torrent by blowing on their fingers to find the best conditions for evaporation.

So, when you are about to put your clothes on the line? Best to ask your child now they are the expert scientists.

Hidden figures

Using their times tables and understanding of related facts, the children worked hard to challenge themselves to solve problems with missing numbers. Unpicking mathematical puzzles to find hidden

figures brought excited discussion amongst all the children. For some, many what seemed unfathomable, suddenly turned to fantastic eureka moments.

Children's Star of the Week

Mildred received the glory of star of the week, and Jude was voted as a star amongst in the boy's category.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week I have selected Seb for his star-studded work.

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