

Weekly Learning Reflections



Happy Friday 😊 That week went by incredibly quickly!
Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day today.

English

The book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit has been used this week to introduce the children to Tranio, the son of an actor, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, who witness the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds.

The children have explored the first part of the text to enable them to answer different types of questions based on the story so far. By highlighting or underlining key information in the question they learnt we can find this same corresponding evidence in the text.

Today, the children have created a plan in order to write a setting description that will culminate in them writing a diary entry that will recall the horrific events and experiences during and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We look forward to seeing some amazing writing!

Maths:

There have been some tricky challenges this week as the children have been looking at reading scales and units of mass (g and kg). In addition to reading scales that have jumps of 5's, 10's and 25's they have also learnt that just because the number is bigger it doesn't mean it weighs more (e.g. 300g is less than 3kg). In addition to this we have been exploring our number bonds to 100 and even 1000 using a number line to help with our calculations. Great perseverance across the year group this week Year 3!

Science:

Despite the sun not showing it's face too much this week, we have continued our exploration of light and shadows. In particular, we've looked at which materials cast a shadow and used scientific language like translucent, opaque and transparent to describe the materials properties in addition to predicting and explaining what the shadow's silhouette looked like.

Music:

During music, the children have been exploring tempo and texture of pieces of music and are now starting to recognise and understand rhythmic ostinatos using the stimulus from Santana Soul Sacrifice. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the volcano Popocatepetl and learning a song based around its many eruptions too.

PE

This half term we have been focusing on Tag Rugby. The children have been learning to accurately hold and throw the ball, defend and use body movements to help attack without being caught.

Next week:

Excitement is mounting as we prepare for our Fort Nelson trip next week. Further details will be sent out regarding uniform, footwear etc soon too.

Now onto our stars of the week:

★ Stars of the Week ★

The Class Star of the Week was Ashton. The class noted that Ashton was a great person to work with in partner work, a kind friend and always helps others when they are stuck. Well done Ashton- we are all very proud of you!

The Teacher Star of the Week was Kiara. We both felt that Kiara went above and beyond this week to challenge herself. She was able to get on independently and develop in all areas of her learning. Well done Kiara- we are all very proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Kennett and Miss Hunt