

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 3rd March 2025

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

After the fast-paced, adventurous week at Marchants Hill, it has been nice to get back into the normal routine of the classroom. The children have settled back into their daily timetable well, and have shown brilliant focus and determination to their new topics for this half term.

In English, the comprehension groups have carried on from last half term. This week, the children looked at a fictional narrative, in which Saffia and Zac have been dragged to Dorset by their dad on holiday, instead of their original destination of Spain. When spending time of one of the beautiful beaches, Zac runs off to explore a cave, leaving Saffia alone looking at rocks and rockpools. In one of the rocks, Saffia spots what she thinks could be a fossil, so she goes to show her brother. Arriving at the cave, Zac is nowhere to be seen, instead it is all eery sounds of water dripping and wind whistling. Monty, the family dog, finds Saffia and calms her nerves, but she continues to call out to Zac. After too long, Saffia begins to give up and turns back to the entrance of a cave, where a familiar figure is waiting for her... The children looked at this text, before answering a range of SATs style questions. It is evident that these comprehension-focused groups have so far been beneficial, as the children's confidence and accuracy have been improving more and more over the weeks.

In Maths, we have started our unit on Ratio and Proportion. This week, we have explored the concept of ratio, before using our knowledge to solve problems relating to it. All of the children have worked amazingly hard to grasp this domain, one that is often considered complex. Starting off the week, we used practical resources to visually represent the concept, and then transferred this onto a ratio table. Once this had been secured, we moved onto looking at word problems, taking the information from these and putting them into ratio tables, and solving a range of questions. We were also able to push from one-step questions to two-step questions, where the children had to complete multiple steps within their ratio table prior to arriving at the correct answer – this took some resilience and perseverance, but the children did themselves proud and managed to complete many questions that they were faced with.

Our curriculum highlight for the week has got to be our afternoon English session, starting our new persuasive writing unit. Using their experiences from the residential, the children will be writing a leaflet, encouraging parents to take their children to Marchants Hill for a holiday. Our lesson this week was about reflecting on our own time there, discussing which aspects would be beneficial to mention when persuading others to visit the site. It was wonderful to take that trip back down memory lane, allowing the children to share some of their favourite stories from the week; these all add to the excitement when creating this piece of work.

We also had World Book Day this week, and the costumes throughout the class were utterly fantastic! From Messi and Ronaldo, to Dorothy and the Crayons that quit – everyone looked fab! We spent the day looking at stories from across the world, and each group had to convince the rest of the class that their book was the best one, using persuasive techniques that we have started to look at in English. This focus carried on into the afternoon, when the children created some artwork that represented an element of their book, either a symbol for a character, a setting illustration, or a new front cover – the creative thinking was in full flow! We also had the honour of finishing the school story of Olivia and the Midnight Mystery, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class voted for Lydia. The reasons behind this choice were: the fact that she consistently challenges herself across the curriculum, shows brilliant presentation in every lesson and supports others in the class whenever they need it. My choice for Star of the Week was... Amelia! Amelia has been absolutely fabulous this week, always trying her best in every lesson, always putting her hand up to participate in the learning (even if she isn't 100% confident in the subject), and is a supportive friend to all in the class. Well done Lydia and Amelia!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, and are resting up well if you've been hit by the wave of coughs and colds that seems to have graced us all at this time of year – remember to take care of yourselves and spend time doing things that you enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊