

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 3rd March 2025

Good afternoon, Class Loyal families,

It was straight back in to routine for us this week, after our fantastic week away last week. Clearly the children had a good rest over last weekend, as they arrived on Monday morning ready and raring to go.

Back in our English focus groups, we had a new text to explore this week, called The Cave. After reading the text, the children applied their reading strategies to a range of test-style questions, gathering evidence and using this to structure effective answers. Of course, the highlight of the week from an English perspective was Thursday, when we celebrated World Book Day. Dressed up as a book character, the class enjoyed different activities based around books from different parts of the world. In Year 6, each group's job was to persuade the rest of the class that their book was the best by presenting a persuasive pitch in which they introduced the audience to the book, summarised the story and explained why theirs was the best – perhaps because it had an important moral, it taught us about a different culture or had illustrations which supported the story or added to the mood.

In maths, we started a new unit of work about ratio and proportion. After exploring ratio using double-sided counters, we introduced the children to the concept of ratio tables. These enable us to organise information from ratio questions clearly and help us to answer them accurately. After securing basic ratio, we looked at one-step and then two-step ratio problems. Next week, we will continue on this journey, focusing on scale factors – drawing shapes and then scaling them up or down by a particular scale factor – and then applying this to recipes, before tackling our next big problem – The Great British Bake-off. This will require the children to scale ingredients in recipes up or down depending on what the judges require, before we discover who is Star Baker!

Our curriculum highlight from the week would have to be science, as we delved into the world of circuits. Recapping prior learning, we explored conductors and insulators, the terms component and appliance and the way that we can keep ourselves safe around electricity. This led us to learn about the symbols for each component in a circuit and discuss why these symbols are important. After playing a competitive game of pairs, we used our new found knowledge to draw different circuits, accurately, considering what a working circuit needs and how a circuit can be broken.

Now on to star of the week. The class voted for Ray for always being enthusiastic and working hard in all lessons, as well as for being a kind and supportive friend. My vote went to Grace, who has had a fantastic week; showing a real desire to achieve her very best and participating well in all lessons. Well done to you both.

Just a quick message to say we are busily sorting all of the hundreds of photos taken during our Marchants Hill trip and hope that these will be available to be uploaded onto Google Classroom very soon. I will post when these are available for you to peruse.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Holmes