

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 17 March 2025

Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

As this week comes to an end, the children have had the chance to reflect on their progress so far this year, and across all of their years at Ranvilles. We have had our assessment week, which we use as a pit stop, to give the children the trial experience of SATs week. The children have been so amazing, getting their heads down and pushing through any anxieties that they might have about tests. They have used skills such as perseverance, challenge and independence, bringing together all of their knowledge and skills across English and Maths, to complete the series of tests. However, it's not all been about the assessments this week...

In English, we've had another look at poetry. The first one of the week was called *The Last Leaf*, and explored the moment between autumn and winter, when there is that final leaf clinging to its branches, surrounded by its fallen friends. The children seemed to love this poem, and worked really well to look at the meaning behind it, some even comparing the experience of holding on to the memories of primary school before having to let go and move up to secondary school. The second poem was called *The Whispering Wood*, describing a mysterious and creepy woodland, where the leaves would tell tales of hidden creatures and the trees might share secrets of the past, if you listen closely. We spent time analysing the language techniques used, and the atmosphere that this created, before answering a range of questions.

In Maths, we have looked at 3d shapes and nets. This was started by looking at what 3d shapes the children could name and describe already, moving onto specific characteristics of each of these shapes. Then, we were able to practically explore some 3d shapes, using polydron to help us. The children had so much fun investigating the different nets of a variety of shapes, and working out which nets might not create a 3d shape and why. Additionally, today we looked at a brilliant problem solving task, which included the nets of nine 3d shapes, however each net had been split in half. The children had to collaborate with each other to match each half to its pair, before naming the 3d shape that they make. It was wonderful to see the children using their logical thinking skills, spotting patterns and similarities between the parts before using available resources to recognise the shapes that they had created.

Our curriculum highlight of the week was, once again, Science, a subject that the children are really enjoying this half term. This week's lesson looked at batteries and voltage, with a focus on the effect that changing the battery, or most importantly the voltage, has on the efficiency of the circuit. Initially, the children looked at a variety of batteries, with differing sizes, voltage and uses. They discussed in their regaled, before feeding back as a class, about what they noticed about the different batteries. After this, in pairs, the children were given an iPad and went onto the PHET Circuit Construction Kit. This site allows them to create their own circuits, exploring with different items that could be used within a circuit, different levels of resistance and different levels of voltage. After a while exploring, with a number of animated fires being started and extinguished, the children were able to notice what caused circuits to be overloaded and how this could be corrected. They then spent some time looking back at the different types of batteries, and putting the information about

them into a table to create more detailed comparisons between them.

For Stars of the week, the class chose Kodi. Their reasons behind this choice were because of his perseverance in our MAT problem solving task and his consistent care for others in the class. For my Star of the week, I chose... Darcie! Darcie has been amazing this week, working super hard in all of her lessons, always looking for a new challenge. As well as this, she has been determined to consistently be the first person to respond to countdowns, showing that she is actively listening to whoever is talking, and being a great role model within the class. Well done Kodi and Darcie!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and don't get too soaked by potential rainfall. Take time to rest and reset, spending time with the ones you love, doing things that you love. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊