

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 17.3.25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What does your shopping trolley tell about you? Oranges from Spain, mangoes from Brazil, bread made with Canadian prairie wheat, and Argentinian beef steak for the special occasion and what about the must not forget coffee beans from Cambodia, or tea from Nigeria. When the world's cuisine is a click away, snapping up the 'must-have' bites from around the globe is second nature.

Geography: rulers all over the world

This week, the children used the scale on a map and carefully measured lengths from the food source to the UK to calculate the miles travelled by food in our kitchens. They learned however just because tomatoes might have travelled across time zones, does not necessarily mean are to be banished to the sin bin. The overall negative effects of food miles to the environment have to be weighed against the impact to global societies.

PE: Balls Away

The school field did resemble a golf range this week. The children learned how to drive a ball as close as possible to the target hoop masquerading as a hole.

To avoid having to dodge flying balls from all directions, the children were so respectable of each other and only they struck their balls in unison the same direction. Next came the challenge to chip the ball so that it jumped into the air. That proved particularly challenging, so the yelps of delight of each triumph punctuated the air for all to witness.

Literacy: Emotions in motion

Seeping with emotion, the children's diary entries spoke to the reader. Based on the picture book *Invisible* by Tom Percival, the children wrote from the viewpoint of Isabel, whose world turned turtle when her parents couldn't make ends meet.

Using previously fashioned word banks and phrases, the children wrote earnestly with incredible passion and heart.

I am enormously proud of their efforts to write in a chatty diary voice to share secrets with an invisible best friend. For many this was their favourite piece of writing.

Maths: times tables fever

Techniques in subtracting 3-and-4 digit numbers were consolidated in a range of contexts, including missing numbers. The children learned how to check their answers by inverse, this has liberated many as they can now got the tool to be truly independent when subtracting. Times table fever has gripped class Nelson. I am holding four 10-minute daily lunchtime homework clubs to top times tables practise. Some children had said they are not able to get access to a device at home, so the voluntary club is open to everyone. If you can support the children to practise at home on TTrackstars that is hugely appreciated.

Children's Star of the Week

Jude and Quaid were joint winners in the boys category and Scarlett pipped her colleagues to be chosen as star, of the week for being good friends, listeners and helpful coaches.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week I have selected Kobey for being a superstar.

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

Kind regards,

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