

Weekly Learning Reflections



Focus: Weekly Summary, 21st March 2025

Happy Friday 😊

The highlight of this week was our trip to Fort Nelson. The sun shone as we left school for the short trip to the Royal Armories Fort Nelson, to continue to explore the Iron Age tribes as they await the arrival of the Roman Army. The children enjoyed investigating Roman military equipment, learning more about the life of a Roman soldier and practising army drills including a shield drill. During the other workshops, they discovered more about Roman citizens by having the opportunity to handle replica Roman artefacts and even some having the opportunity to dress as a Roman too! Enjoy the photos of our fantastic day. The children were fantastic during the trip!

English

We have continued our journey through the book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. With planning started last week, the children have written a setting description that used their senses to describe the market, the harbour and the forum. We were blown away by some of their writing and we could really imagine what Pompeii was like prior to the eruption of Vesuvius too.

As well as this, the children have been using their Master Reporter and Master Decoder skills to build knowledge and vocabulary ready for next week where they will be writing a diary entry that recalls the horrific events and experiences during and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We look forward to sharing some of this work with you all soon!

Maths:

Maths this week has seen us tackle the tricky world of fractions. We revised our learning of identifying fractions before practising the art of adding and taking fractions within a whole. Bar models were our friend as we used them to visualise the problem before tackling mental solutions. The children presented their work beautifully and it was great to see all pupils grow in confidence.

Computing

In computing, the children have started to master the creative possibilities around Microsoft word. By utilising the toolbar, they are learning how to alter the various fonts and include different colours/sizes of font to add different effects to their work. They have also learnt how to add a picture and create a title using word art. In addition to this, they are also learning the importance of saving their work in a specific folder too so they can come back to their learning the following week! :-)

Music

Popocatepetl volcano has continued to be our focus as we delved into mastering the art of singing in a round. Popocatepetl is a snow-capped stratovolcano that is in Mexico. The name Popocatepetl, meaning "Smoking Mountain", was given to the volcano by the Aztecs, and suggests that the volcano has long been active. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this unit so far and have mastered the tricky task of getting their tongues around the pronunciation of Popocatepetl (Poh-poh-cata-pet-al).

Now onto our stars of the week:

★ Stars of the Week ★

The Class Star of the Week was Evelyn! She was nominated by the class due to her outstanding focus in lessons, which has allowed her to produce some amazing pieces in writing and reading. Also, Evelyn was nominated for her fantastic friendship, always including her peers in games and always being kind. Well done, Evelyn!

The Teacher Star of the Week was Oscar! He has been selected for Star of the Week due to his perseverance in lessons and the way he has challenged himself. Oscar worked incredibly hard to produce fantastic pieces of writing and solve some tricky reading questions and we are all very proud of his excellent attitude to learning. Well done, Oscar!

Have a fantastic weekend.