

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning:

Update 2/2

This week in English, we started to look at biography. We used a text about Amelia Earhart, who explored the world from the air in the 1920s and 30s, as a model and have now started to plan our own writing about Christopher Columbus, linking with our theme for this term on voyages and exploration. Our grammar topic for the week was parenthesis (which everybody enjoyed). In Maths, we moved on to looking at short division and quickly managed to progress from a method using counters to the quicker full method. Today we tested our learning with some reasoning questions.

In Science, we learned about the phases of the moon and in groups of three used a dodgeball, tennis ball and a torch to make models of the Earth, Moon and Sun to try and puzzle out why the moon's shape changes day by day. That led us into learning the proper terms for explaining the phases, so we can now talk with authority about waxing and waning, and the crescent and gibbous forms. In art we used the printing plates we created last week to print some space textured backdrops by painting them and pressing them onto sugar paper. Next week we will complete this work by making some designs to put over the backgrounds. For our geography work we went outside and conducted a survey of the school ground to find and categorise different types of litter, with a view to seeing how much of it is plastics that won't bio-degrade. We'll analyse our findings next week and then relate this to the amount of pollutants found in our oceans. In music we continued our work on reading notation and keeping to time on glockenspiels. Hopefully we'll be able to play and sing the song we're working on as a class before half term.

This week's class voted Star of the Week is Charlie. He was nominated for playing cooperatively and being kind. My star this week is Mia K, who has put excellent effort into all aspects of her work.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Self.