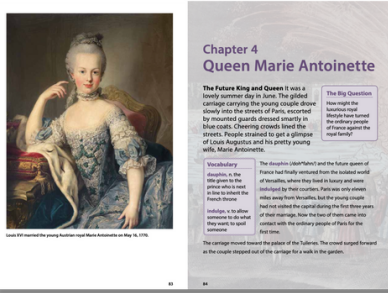


WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SENIOR SCHOOL?

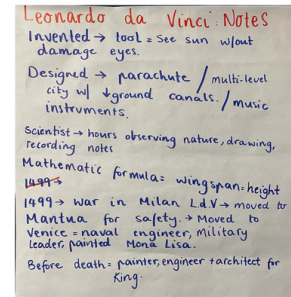
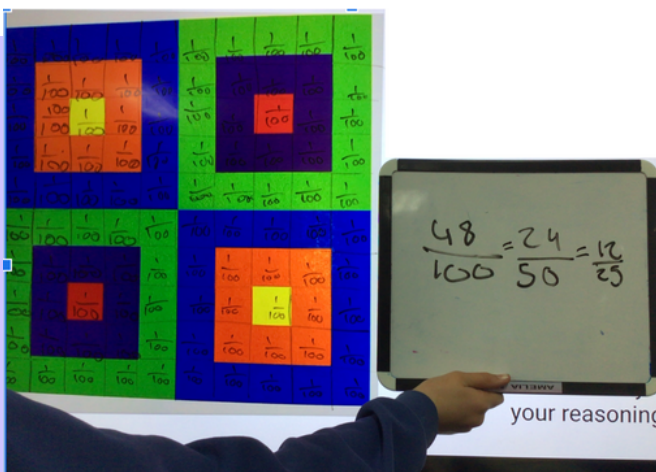


LITERACY AND NUMERACY UPDATES

In Content Knowledge last week we have been building on our previous topic of the Enlightenment and exploring the ideas, causes and events of the French Revolution. Students have been reading about the Three Estates that made up French society and their involvement in the revolution.

In Text Construction last week we are constructing a narrative that is set during the French Revolution. Students used a Plot Mountain to structure their stories and ensure the tension in the narrative builds to an interesting climax. They also used previous work where we explored Charles Dickens' rules for writing dialogue and interesting introductions.

In Maths last week we continued working in collaborative groups to locate points and mark co-ordinates on a Cartesian plane. Students also investigated using fractions to find the area of visual displays such as irregular polygons and paintings.



SKILL IN FOCUS: NOTE TAKING

During our Content Knowledge lessons we often practise our note taking skills while listening to or reading the text. Notes can take the form of fragments, symbols, abbreviations or diagrams that allow students to efficiently record key events, vocabulary or themes from the text. Both students and teachers take notes; which allows students to use the teacher's notes to fill in information they may have missed. Writing notes helps students remember what was read and supports concentration and attentive listening. Selecting what to note down also increases student's comprehension of the text or topic. Notes are also important to record key information about a topic that can be used later in Text Construction.



UPCOMING FOCUS IN TERM 4!

Content Knowledge: Understanding Business.

Text Construction: Persuasive writing including transition words. E.g. Furthermore, additionally, alternatively, in particular etc.

Maths: Multiplying and dividing by powers of 10.