

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 4th December 2023



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

This week has been focused on all things BIG – Big Debate, Big Problem, and even a big performance in assembly. The children have been challenging themselves to go out of their comfort zones and it has had the most positive outcomes!

In English, we focused on Debate Week – where we looked at our half-termly statement of ‘Change always has a positive impact.’ We spent some time going over effective debate language, how to counter an opposing party’s point respectfully and ways to connect your points to evidence and explanations. It was so brilliant to see the children bring their own knowledge and understandings into the debate, allowing them to grow in confidence over the course of the morning. We even included the concept of talk tokens, the children were only allowed to make three points (depositing a token each time), so that they had to really consider how impactful their point would be in the discussion.

In Maths, we continued our fractions venture, this time looking at adding and subtracting with mixed numbers and improper fractions. The class explored numerous different strategies, working out which one suited them best as they solved a range of problems, independently and in pairs. This concluded with our final instalment of Carlo’s Bake Shop Bedlam. The improvement regarding the children’s independence was so noticeable for this session, with the atmosphere in the room being so focused and productive – so brilliant to see! All of the class have been immensely proud of their work from this week’s lessons, and this can be seen so clearly in their books.

For the rest of the curriculum, in French we wrote a response to our character of Sandrine, describing our houses and bedrooms using all of the language that we have learnt over the past weeks. The children were challenged to use adjectives of colour and size, as well as prepositions to add detail to their letters. Through the use of bilingual dictionaries and vocabulary books, the children were able to create some clear and accurate responses. Our science lesson highlighted the relationship between the incoming ray and the reflected ray when it comes to light, as the children analysed the results of an investigation, before plotting a graph to show a clear correlation between them – having to bring some mathematical knowledge into the mix. As well as this, and perhaps the most entertaining of them all, we looked at 70s Disco dancing in PE, which the children were incredible in! The focus, the energy, the passion that was shown in this lesson was second to none. I saw so many children, who might usually avoid the spotlight, loving their time dancing in the middle of the room, showing off their dance sequences – I have even seen them practising in the playground!

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Flora and Danni-Ella. Flora was chosen for her effective points in the debate, as well as always helping others when they are in need of it. Danni-Ella was chosen due to her constant positive attitude and her perseverance in Maths this week. My choice for this week was Layla. My reasons for this choice are due to her consistently positive learning attitude, she has never complained or fallen into a negative mindset in any lesson (which is sometimes harder than you think), she has also pushed herself extremely hard in Maths this week, as she made her dislike of fractions clear, but still worked super hard in every lesson. Also, getting over that final hurdle of having her turn the correct way for our 70s Disco dancing this week, will be a triumph that I will remember for the rest of the year. Well done girls!

I hope that you all enjoy your weekend, spending time with loved ones and getting those Christmas decorations up, if you choose to do so. Take the time to unwind and prepare yourself for the final week before the holidays. I will see you all on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊