

## Weekly Learning Reflections



### **Week Beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Class Loyal families,

This week, our mornings have been focused on the children thinking BIG, with 'Big Debate' week in English and our maths leading up to our final 'Big Problem' in Carlo's Bake Shop.

The children demonstrated their debating skills this morning, as they all participated in the 'Big Debate'. They were given a statement, 'Change always has a positive impact' and were challenged with building an argument for and against this statement. These debate statements are written in a way that allow the children to bring in knowledge they have gained through many of our curriculum lessons over the half term. Armed with their Big Debate books, they worked hard to collect evidence and make connections between their learning in a range of subjects, including history, geography, English, PSHE and computing. Alongside this, we discussed appropriate behaviour and language to use in a debate and we practised this in mini debates on Tuesday. This morning, the children were told whether they were debating for or against the statement and our debate took place. I have to say, I was incredibly impressed at how well many of the pupils could articulate their points and, particularly, how they were able to counter other's arguments with confidence and respect. Well done Class Loyal!

This week in maths has been focused on fractions greater than one and how we add and subtract with mixed numbers. I taught the children two different methods for doing this and they had an opportunity to explore for themselves and decide on their preferred method. It is important that they are able to make choices as mathematicians in terms of the methods they use. This all led up to Carlo's Bake Shop Bedlam 3, in which the children were once again helping Buddy to organise and sell his cakes. Some excellent perseverance and plenty of accuracy resulted in a successful problem-solving session today.

Many of our units of work came to an end this week, with final conclusions finished in science to demonstrate our knowledge of light and reflection, and a French letter written describing our house, the rooms within it and items inside our bedroom. We also enjoyed another trip to Hogwalks, as the children took on the role of Harry Plotter again and showcased their confidence in working with spreadsheets.

Next week we will be enjoying some Christmas themed English and maths, as well as a variety of art and craft activities to help us celebrate the festive period, before we conclude the half term with a special Christmas Star School.

Now on to star of the week. This week, the children identified Joanna as our class star. She has been chosen for her excellent attitude to her learning, as well as for being a kind and caring member of the class. My vote went to Jamie. Jamie is a very reflective learner and is rarely without a purple pen in his hand, editing and improving his work. He has worked tirelessly this week to achieve his best. He was also a very active and enthusiastic participant in our class debate this morning. Not only did he show great knowledge, he was an excellent role model to his peers in terms of how to communicate with respect. Well done to you both.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic weekend. See you on Monday Class Loyal. Mrs Holmes