

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 9th December 2024



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

This week has been a wonderful chance for the children to showcase their independence regarding research and exploration of ideas and information. We have been working hard throughout the Debate Week, in order to gain a wide range of information and evidence on our half term statement: Change always has a positive impact.

Our English lessons have been the main opportunity for the children to develop their knowledge and points, in preparation for the Big Debate. We spent two sessions researching different aspects of the statement, using iPads and laptops to read new articles and evaluate infographics on the subject. Our two main foci were Climate Change (through our Geography unit) and the development of technology (through our Computing unit). Then, the children worked collaboratively to form strong, evidence-based points that they could argue for either side of the debate statement – this was due to the fact that they weren't know which point of view they were arguing until the day of the debate. All of the children were looking forward to the Big Debate; it did not disappoint. The children were sat in their rows, representing each side of the argument, and the focus and concentration in the room was evidence from the second the debate began. All children successfully participated and used some brilliant debating language. Throughout the entire morning, there was consistent enthusiasm from both sides, ensuring that clear evidence was used in each of their points – it was clear that all children were eager to share the research that they had completed.

In Maths, we looked at multiplying fractions (by whole numbers and then by other fractions), before finding fractions of amounts, and finding the whole from knowing a fraction of the amount. The children were utterly amazing during these lessons. They were able to grasp each process successfully, and were able to replicate for each fluency question, as well as using it effectively in problem-solving questions. What was really inspiring to witness was when some children, who were more confident in the domain, taking initiative to help their table partner, and others in the class, to understand certain concepts during working time – this level of collaboration and teamwork between the children is always wonderful to see.

One curriculum highlight for this week has got to be our Art lesson this afternoon. Our unit this half term has focused on Craft and Design: Photo Opportunity, and it has seen us looking at multiple processes that can be used to produce art using technology. This week's lesson tasked the children to compose their own album cover design, influenced by the work of Derek Boateng. I could not have predicted how this lesson would turn out; the children's imagination went wild. Their creativity levels skyrocketed, and they were able to plan and discuss compositions that are truly remarkable. They were instantly engaged in their ideas, and were determined to see them through. However,

when some initial ideas didn't go entirely to plan, or didn't turn out how they were imagining it, they were able to adapt their designs to still result in successes.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Mila. The reasons behind this choice were because of her constant perseverance in all lessons, and how she challenged herself to master the learning in Maths, despite the fact that she had missed some of the lessons due to illness. My choice for Star of the Week is... Toby! Toby has been one of the most active participants across all lessons this week, he is always a guaranteed hands up in discussions, confident to share his ideas. His consistent positivity and smile light up the classroom every day, and he is always making sure that others are feeling safe and secure in the classroom environment. Well done Mila and Toby!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, and take the time to reset and relax, ready for the final week of term! I will see you on Monday morning.

Miss Devonshire 😊