# Year 6 news

Term 3, Week 4



## A snapshot of our week



Bright spark: Alfie Stars: Ryan, Phoebe, Lilly

## English:

We continued reading our class book. The children wrote a newspaper article about an event referred to in the text: The disappearance of the Mary Celeste. In the article, they needed to use direct and reported speech, so we talked about the difference. They had to use a variety of old-fashioned words, so we discussed what they meant. They then focussed on structuring their report in a logical way.

#### Science:

We have started our new topic, *Evolution and Inheritance'*. There are quite a few tricky words in this topic, so the children learnt the meaning of the words initially. The words included: variation, inheritance, biological and characteristics amongst others. We discussed how we, for example, inherit eye colour, hair colour and the shape of our face from our biological parents. We also discussed inherited and acquired characteristics.

## Italian:

The children translated sentences to do with the weather. They recapped the meaning of Italian words for weather, before translating sentences together.

## Computing:

We continued practising typing. The children were encouraged to place their hands on the keyboard as they have been shown to do. They then practised a selection of touch typing skills.

## **Spirituality:**

Research has found that showing ourselves kindness and self-compassion can benefit our mental health and wellbeing. Therefore, we started by thinking of and saying nice things about a member of the class. They had lots to say about their friends. The children then thought about their own positive characteristics and wrote three down on a piece of paper – many found this a much harder task.

#### Maths:

The children have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They have also been improving their understanding of numbers with 3 decimal points. We have been continuing to work out how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000 and they have also been rounding decimal numbers. In addition, we have been working on percentages and their equivalent fractions and decimals. The children also did an arithmetic test.

#### RE:

We continued learning about humanism. This week, we looked at their motto: 'Act for yourself, think about others'. The children researched a humanist who had acted by herself, but thought of others in the process. We shared what we had found out and discussed how we can also try to do this in our own lives.

#### PE:

Braving the weather, we did PE outside with year 3. The year 6 sports leaders set up a circuit of different activities that they then explained and led very confidently. The children in year 3 loved working alongside year 6 and showed great determination and excitement to try and beat the year sixes. This was a great session and Mrs Ward praised year 6 for the way they helped, encouraged and looked after the younger children. Well done year 6!

### Geography:

The children have been learning about Ethiopia in geography. They have been finding out where the country is located, how many people live there and also about their climate.







