

DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

We welcomed back Loti from the Milk Fluencers (Make Life Kind) to carry out a recap workshop for Years 5 and 6 and to lead a first workshop for Years 3 and 4 on 'anti racism'. Children learnt about how to combat racism, how to stand up for one another and to spread positivity.



During 'refugee week' in June we had a speaker from the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network in to talk to the children. The theme this year was "Our Home" and children had to consider what "Home" meant to them and what it would mean if they were suddenly to lose it. The children also heard the poem [Refugee](#) by Brian Bilston.

On a similar theme, Year 6 has been using the picture book *The Arrival* to help stimulate their writing. This story is about an impoverished man leaving his family and home behind, and then arriving in a new country to seek better prospects.

An extract from Poppy Parkes' writing is below:

'The thick pungent steam rose from the train while sad and worried figures lingered on the platform. The father tried to smile despite the sadness in his heart. The father embraced his daughter, he knew he would never see her again. The mother gently wiped away her tears. She clung to her husband since she was unable to hide her trembling sobs and shaking hands. The daughter grabbed onto his hand although she knew it wouldn't make him stay.'

On his arrival in the country...

'He walked into the packed building and waited, waited for ages. It was finally time. He walked up the never ending stairs. They showed him writing in lots of different languages to see which he could understand. Then asked him questions like: where were you born? Why did you come? Where do you live?'

