

My School Diary – XXXXXXXXXXXX July 2021

When I first entered Marner I was very fond of the opportunities I had in nursery. I was able to act, sing and cook - I really never focused on maths or English.

When I was first introduced to reading, I was in awe of the flow of the words, rhyming and the emotion you can feel. I think that very moment was the time I started getting into reading. Maths on the other hand, I thought it was very uninteresting until year 5 -6.

When I moved up into year 1, I had a new class and new teachers, even a whole new building. If I'm correct we learnt addition and subtraction - I think the hardest part of that was understanding how to do it mentally and not with my fingers. We mostly focused on reading and writing which I enjoyed a lot. For some reason, I couldn't focus on maths. I just felt unbothered to learn it. I also struggled with reading a lot. I read like a robot and mispronounced many words but I then entered a reading class with Miss Donisthorpe which helped my reading a lot - with the help of that, I am now working at greater depth in my reading.

Year 2 was the start of my acting and singing adventure. I remember being very self-conscious of myself: I didn't talk that much nor listen. I just kept to myself but Miss Duffy encouraged me to enter the talent show and I finally began to be more open about myself and my learning! A positive mindset helped me throughout the years.

Year 3 was the year when I started to become more joyful and confident about myself - I enjoyed writing stories about many things and learning Spanish. Maths was still a struggle for me: I tried hard to focus but I just couldn't and that's where Steps stepped in.. . Steps gave many fun activities to do and it really helped me focus - I must admit I did not focus when we learnt the times table in year 3.

Year 4 is when my writing skyrocketed but my maths stayed the same - my mindset was very negative. I would always say, "I can't do it or it's too hard." I thought there was no point doing what I don't like, which is completely wrong. Even if you don't like it, grow to like it.

Year 5 is when I realised I might like maths; thanks to the Steps I could focus on things. We were now getting into more complex stuff such as fractions and decimals etc. My maths grew stronger as well as my writing skills but when Covid hit, I felt devastated as I was doing so well but Covid came.

We were moved to year 6 when we came back into Marner and I was scared that I would fail every test because of that mindset - I was getting scores from 17-27. Ms Scott made everything simple and gave very good life lessons to us - I learnt to not have a negative attitude and to have a positive attitude. Because of that, my grades became better and maybe even my life.

School is an amazing thing: you learn from your mistakes and overcome them.

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