

Debating skills and opinion writing with Upper 3



Pupils in Upper 3 have been developing their opinion writing and presentation skills in the form of a debate on chocolate. Firstly, they were divided into groups: one group investigated the positives of chocolate production, and the other group investigated the negative aspects of chocolate production. They made notes on cocoa farming and the processing of chocolate and then delivered their points in the form of a class debate. Pupils spoke confidently and purposefully.

Following the debate, they organised their research notes into a persuasive fact file, designed to appeal to their audience. Further to this, they worked on dynamic paragraph openings in opinion writing. This included using a range of sentence starters and types for effect and developing the use of rhetorical devices. Great work Upper 3!

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