

Report on Governor Visit

To be effective, governors need to have a good knowledge of what goes on in school. To that end it is expected that you will link with a given year group and visit at least once a term,

Please complete this form as a formal record of the visit and be prepared to feedback to other governors at the next Full Governing Body meeting.

Name of Governor:	Julie Curtis
Year group / teachers visited :	Reception. Mrs Whittall and Mrs Campbell
Date :	21.2.2024
Summary of activities e.g. observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.	<p>Mrs Whittall had the whole class in front of her when I arrived. They were discussing the differences in size of 2 boys standing in front of them, exploring the mathematical language of 'taller' and 'shorter' building on the words 'bigger' and 'smaller;' the language that young children generally use. After the boys sat down 2 girls stood up and the conversation was repeated. Mrs Whittall encouraged the children at given moments to talk to their 'talking partner.' It was good to observe how the children did this.</p> <p>The discussion was followed up by a practical problem-solving activity in the outdoor area. Children worked with a partner to measure how tall they were with 2 types of building blocks, foam ones and wooden ones. They used the bricks in a variety of ways eg on their ends or lying them flat on top of each other as they tried to reach the same height of their partner. As they built with the blocks they talked about whether their partner was shorter or taller than what they were building.</p> <p>I then went indoors and was able to listen to a few children read to me. It was encouraging to hear the children use their acquired phonic knowledge to decode words and enjoy what they were reading.</p> <p>After break I had the joy of reading 'the Very Lazy Ladybird' to the children and singing songs before home-time.</p>
What I have learnt as a result of my visit:	<p>The reception class of children are a happy bunch who have developed good routines and are enjoying their learning.</p> <p>I also completed wellbeing checks with many members of staff and was happy that they all seemed well.</p>
Signed <i>Julie Curtis</i>	

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