



Governor Visit Report

Name	Mrs H Measures
Date of Visit	19 March 2019
Focus of Visit	Foundation: Observation
Classes/staff visited	Foundation Class, Mrs Caldicott, Mrs Wilkes, and Teaching Assistants.
<p>Summary of activities e.g. observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.</p> <p>I observed a morning session with reception class. I arrived shortly after 9am and observed the children settling into some handwriting activity whilst the register was retrieved from the office and all children had arrived to start their day. The children were eager to show me their work and all of them were concentrating on the task set for them by Mrs Caldicott.</p> <p>I observed a phonics session, with the children divided between four groups across both reception classes. I sat with Mrs Caldicott's group and observed Mrs Caldicott using a variety of techniques to teach the children. I was impressed by how respectful and well behaved the children were, and how quickly any deviances of behaviour were dealt with (although, they were minor).</p> <p>After phonics, the children were then encouraged to learn using the different resources available in the rooms and in the outside area. I observed children reading, painting, doing role play, writing, and using the equipment outside. All of the children were extremely well engaged and some invited me to join in with their activity. I observed the children have a drink and snack and then thanked them and left shortly before the end of the morning session.</p>	
<p>How do you feel this visit has helped you to develop your role as a Governor?</p> <p>I have been able to observe the way in which Teachers and Teaching Assistants manage the whole year group and tailor the activities to suit the needs and different abilities across the classes. It has helped me to understand the importance of Teaching Assistants, and the impressive range of techniques used by the teaching staff to engage the children in their learning. As a Parent Governor, I can now understand even more why my own children love to come to school every day.</p>	
<p>Positive comments about the focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very impressed by the quality and variety of teaching methods. • Mrs Caldicott took the time to explain things to me. • The children were extremely well behaved. • I observed how teachers cater for a range of abilities and tailor the session to suit their needs. 	
<p>Aspects I would like clarified / questions I have</p> <p>No clarifications or questions, thank you.</p>	
<p>Ideas for future visits</p> <p>I would like to observe a maths or science session at some point, if possible. It would also be good to observe the end of an afternoon session to see how the children are prepared for home time.</p>	

Any other comments

I would like to thank Mrs Caldicott, the whole reception teaching team, and the children for an enjoyable and valuable visit. It has reassured me even further that the teaching in Bidston Avenue is of an extremely high standard.

Signed:**Governor:** *Helen Measures***Date:** 25th April 2019**Signed:****Headteacher:** *Mr S.G. Brady***Date:** 26th April 2019