

Class Visit – Year 5

26th April 2023

Excellent class routines are evident upon entering the classroom. This ensures the children enter in a settled and productive way ready for learning.

A timetable clearly displays the plan for the day. The children quickly settled at their desks to spellings whilst the register was completed.

Guided reading followed. A carousel of activities for each group ensured the children were focussed and this is clearly a well embedded system because the children moved and completed their activities well. I supported the comprehension group. The children demonstrated good retrieval skills, referring to the text where required. Overall, they all completed the task well.

Following Guided Reading, the children quickly moved on to timetables activities, the speed activity engaged the children. The children were very eager to complete as many timetables questions as possible. Behaviour for learning remaining excellent throughout.

Support staff had a clear understanding of their role, withdrawing and supporting children confidently throughout the morning's activities. It is evident there is a strong relationship between the adults in the classroom which ensures pace, progress and behaviour for learning is of a high standard.

The final lesson before break was maths. This practical lesson focussed on area & perimeter of rectangles. The children moved around the class area to identify as many rectangles as possible. It was a well-timed activity as some of the children had started to become a little restless with sitting focussed at their desks for an hour. Examples shared – all children keen to participate (use of a ball being passed between the teacher and pupil really encouraged their participation). Whole class input involved discussing and calculating the perimeter of two simple rectangles. Some children clearly had prior knowledge of this and immediately understood, could calculate perimeter without any further teaching or discussion. What, if any, opportunities could there be for these children to further challenge them and deepen their learning?

Overall, a very enjoyable morning in Y5. Thank you to the staff and children for their time.

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Chair of Governors & Y5 class governor