**Sharks Visit – Summer Term 2023**

It was lovely to visit Sharks class today, to observe their RE lesson this afternoon.

The class was welcoming as always, and it is hard to think they will be leaving school in a few short weeks to move on to new pastures.

The focus of today's lesson was modern Christianity and built upon previous lessons. As always, all the class were completely engaged in the lesson which incorporated a multi-modal approach to activities which encouraged and supported that engagement. Children were able to access pencil/paper, laptops, videos and team challenges across the lesson which they all enjoyed.

The design of the lesson meant that there were many additional areas of benefit whilst also focussing on the topic of Christianity and 'modern Christians' such as Mother Theresa. The use of a research component to find out facts encouraged the class IT skills and the honing of skills in asking the 'right' questions to access the information you are looking for. The class showed good perseverance and resilience in this, motivated by the team challenge it was incorporated into.

The activities also encouraged checking for accuracy of facts you gain and allowed for the supported development of new topic vocabulary and for the children to use and practice their descriptive vocabulary.

The topics within this RE lesson allowed for some subtle crossover into PSHE and it was lovely to hear a class member expressing that we do not know people's beliefs by looking at them and that we should seek to ask people about their beliefs and not assume them. The staff encouragement of this was evident, in the praise given for this view.

The topic of today's lesson allowed for development of inferencing, reasoning and explanation skills, with the class listening to each other's contributions and taking turns well to share their ideas.

The lesson concluded with some philosophical discussion to explore their thoughts and debate what their perspectives were and if they were the same of if they differed.

I wish all our Sharks class pupils all the best for their transition to secondary school and the future.

Kind regards

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