Monday 7th March 2022

**Governor’s Class visit phonics - Foxes**

On arrival in to class the register was taken everyone asked how they feeling scoring themselves between one to ten, ten being very happy. The class were all 10 and gave reasons for this. I didn’t notice calming music when the pupils transitioned into the classroom?

**Phonics**

The class was split into smaller groups, starting with an over learning from last lesson. Today’s lesson, Mr Ferris’ group, was on the long ‘a’ sound making the ‘ ai’ sound. The children carried out lots of different multi sensory activities, including; sounding it out, body formation of the sound using the space and their arms and hands show the formation of the sound, then pencil to paper to ensure the correct pencil grip and focused on the formation of letters, showing were the letters started, ended and joined up. A word bank sheet was used to ensure the understanding of the new sound ‘ai’ and they practised out loud new words with the sound embedded. There were lots more activities and re-reading of works, plus flash cards, to ensure the learning was well embedded. The pupils finished with sentence writing and ensured the words were spelt correctly – it was dictation with the children gaining points for correct punctuation too. By the end of the lesson all of the children in the group were confident spelling and reading words with ‘ai’ and could write them in different sentences to give them context. I found this lesson very interesting, the class’ knowledge to be very good and very well supported and encouraged by all staff and pupils.

**Sensory Circuit**

I felt this was very well lead. I got to see pair and large group workings. The hall split into three sections,

1. Running or hover boarding work. (alert)
2. Balance beam and tunnel (organising)
3. Stretching to a calming time beaded blanket, beanbags, breathing exercise and calming music finishing off with back massage with the ball. (calming)

The sensory circuit enabled the children to self regulate and the pupils after the circuit left the hall ready to learn. They were only in the hall a matter of minutes.

This was all within my first hour of being in school and as always I was made to feel so welcome from Staff and pupils alike.

Thank you

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Foxes Class Governor.