**Orrets Meadow**

**Thursday 11th November**

**Governor Class Visit – Bears**

First I must say how wonderful it was to be back in school and join the children for part of their lesson. A big thank you to Mrs Forshaw, Mrs Welch, Mrs Jones and Mrs Duggan and all the children for making me feel most welcome.

I was lucky enough to join Bears for a short visit to see how their afternoon curriculum was delivered. It was good to see the quality of the lesson was just as educational even though Mrs Billington was out of the classroom on management time.

The children were told that they were going to do some science work. The activity began with an explanation of what was going to be taught, as well as each specific task using widgets.

The focus of the activity was to decide through discussion if something was alive or not alive? There were several pictures of living and non-living things. The adults and the children in in a group discussed the different photographs. The children were then put into pairs, this gave everyone the opportunity to speak and share their thoughts. It then finished with the whole group using sorting circles to decide collectively which of the pictures fell into each group. The children were all enjoying the session and there was a lovely atmosphere of relaxed learning.

Once the activity had been completed and all the pictures had been sorted out, the children then were instructed to go to their books and use the template in there to give examples of living and non-living items and then to draw and label them. All the children were well supported and they completed their task happily. I had a few interesting conversations and all of the children completed the task in their books. I was very impressed at the way the session was structured and how it was flexible enough that if a pupil needed a bit of extra time out or support it was there for them.

Unfortunately I had to leave at this point as I was due to attend another meeting.

Please pass on my thanks to all the pupils and staff again, they are a lovely class and a great group of children. I look forward to seeing them again at another time and see how they are progressing.

**Cindy Cooper**

**Governor – Bears Class**