**Class 5**

**ORRETS MEADOW GOVERNOR VISIT**

**FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2016**

**PURPOSE OF VISIT -**

**To visit a Mental Maths lesson**

I had the pleasure of visiting my adopted class today. Unfortunately I was not able to stay long because of prior commitments I was sorry about this as I always enjoy seeing the children.

When I joined the class the teacher had been asking questions around adding and subtracting. The children had written on their whiteboards different sums and she was asking each table to put their hands up and share with the others the answers. The children were all very relaxed and even though some did not answer correctly they felt comfortable enough to make a mistake without feeling uncomfortable. The teacher explained if there was a mistake and asked the pupils to try again.

Mrs Tunna then went on to an activity that required the children to take way or add up numbers in their head. Many of the children were confident to do this and took pleasure in putting up their hands. For the children who struggled a bit she gave them more simple addition and subtraction so they could join in.

Later, the children they went onto the smartboard to use a software programme that allowed the teacher to set the time to solve a variety of mental maths activities including multiplication. This was very popular and it was obvious by the eager hands that many of the children had used this before and wanted to show me how well they could do the different activities. One little girl was skipping on the spot when she got a question right.

The final activity the teacher put a sum on the board and then the pupil she selected had to pick the best way to write the sum out to get the answer e.g. chunking or columns. I could only stay to watch two pupils but both got the question right.

Unfortunately at this point I had to say goodbye to my adoptive class, however, I am looking forward to returning and having a bit more time.

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