Orrets Meadow Class 4

Class visit report: Mrs Walsh

Focus : Mental Maths

Class four work on mental maths every lesson. The style can vary from direct mental maths questioning to shared, group and individual problem solving. There are a range of abilities in class four and the work is tailored to meet and challenge all regardless of their ability. The children start the lesson either by working independently on tasks in a Smart Pal or with a direct mental maths question session. Here children are encouraged to work independently to answer differentiated questions. They are currently working on addition and subtraction. The children are able to access number lines and practical equipment to help cement their understanding but are being encouraged when able to use these as a visual stimulus rather than a direct ‘hands on’ approach to promote mental ability. The focus of mental maths is embedded into the lessons as during the week the children are then taken individually to work on their Animal awards. This is a progressive mental maths programme aimed at supporting and rewarding mental efforts. The children all work very hard and are making progress at their own level.