Friday 17th June 2016.

**Ian Patten - Class 3 visit**

On arrival at school I was met by the most welcoming staff.

My visit was to observe a lesson (mental maths) and look at the pupils maths books. On arrival to class 3, the pupils were focused on their mental maths lesson.

Mr McAteer had set them all a work card, set to their own level of learning. i.e

Can of pop £0.36p Toy car £ 0.65p Total ?

Cash £5.00 Change due?

The Lesson objectives were

* Add money mentally
* To use continuous counting
* Take away amounts

The whole class were involved. I found this lesson to be very well balanced and took into consideration all of the pupils abilities and needs.

I also had the opportunity to have a look at their books from the beginning of this year, September to date. I could see a clear improvement in math skills and in the content and volume of work. I could also see a clear understanding from the pupil’s books of self marking using the traffic light system.

I found Mr McAteer, Mrs Ward and Mrs Wynne to be supportive of each and every pupil expertly helping them to develop to their potential. (One group had an intervention Numicon.) Being able to add and take it away mentally.

The main lesson objective was to see the children doing Mental Maths at different levels of learning. I feel this was a very well spent morning meeting and seeing the pupils work.

I also got the opportunity to meet pupils who brought their work in for Mrs Duncan to see, how proud they were!, I also had the opportunity to ask questions about their learning and if they enjoy their time at Orrets Meadow and the self marking system they all use. As always I discovered how passionate they were about their work and how they enjoy their time at Orrets Meadow.

I always enjoy visiting and listening to the pupils talk about their learning journey. I would like to take this time to thank all in Class 3. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

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