**Class 6 Visit – 14th June 2016**

**Focus – Mental Maths**

**The focus this term is mental maths.**

I met with Mr Saul who explained that half of the class would be leaving us at some point in the morning for a session with the school nurse. He would be doing some fun interactive maths activities on the whiteboard.

**Multiplication Bingo**

Each child had a set of Bingo numbers. Every 10 seconds a multiplication question poped up on the whiteboard. The children had to work out the answer in their heads and circle the answer if it appeared on their card. The classroom was silent as the children were concentrating so hard. The first child to get a full line got a house point. The game continued and the children with the most circled were also winners.

**Give the dog a bone**

At this point half the class left for their meeting with the nurse. The remaining children played Give the dog a bone. A number flashed up on the whiteboard and the children took it in turns to come up and select where they thought the number appeared on an unnumbered 100 square. Against the clock it wasn’t as easy as it sounds! Good practice for ordering and sequencing numbers.

**Eggs to order**

The next game involved numbered eggs on the whiteboard. The children had to drag the eggs down and place them in nests in the correct ascending order, again against the clock. The numbers were quite high and the children found this quite challenging. Mr Saul explained the Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units columns and they practised together looking at the numbers and ordering them largest to smallest.

**Hexabonds**

This was an exercise in working on number bonds. Starting with number bonds to 10. On the whiteboard number 10 was circled at the centre with branches off, with a number in a circle plus a blank circle and the children had to drag the correct number up to the blank circle to make a number bond to 10. They also did this with number bonds to 20. They completed a sheet on their own and then they looked at number bonds to 100 as a group.

The interactive games provide a fun way of learning and practising mental maths.

I have enjoyed all of my visits with class 6 and wish the year 6s the very best of luck in their new schools.

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