I had the pleasure of joining Mrs Billington’s year six class for literacy activities on 7th November 2013.

All the children were very friendly and engaging and you can tell that they really like and respect Mrs Billington.

The lesson ranged from word jumbles, The alphabet Arc which incorporated alphabet sequencing and the alphabet rap, comprehension and reading from The “cliffhanger” book and writing postcards home based on the characters. The children really enjoyed this particular activity and you could see their individual personalities sparkle when they used their own imaginations when interpreted the story for their own postcards.

They were encouraged to colour grade how they felt about completing their work with a traffic light system, green – enjoyed and independently managed the work, Orange – needed a bit of help or encouragement. Red did not enjoy the work and needed a lot of help. I thought that this was such a good idea, as if a child is shy and struggling and does not want to speak out in class, at least this gives the teacher a way of seeing directly from the child if they feel they are struggling with any aspect of work.

Two of the Children Max and Aeryn read to me personally. They were both wonderful readers and very delightful children.

I was also present at the start of Mrs Billington’s Maths lesson. Again all the children were very friendly and engaging. The children were given a Times Table Square to complete and this just gave them the time to calm down from morning break. They also did some number bombs. The children were all very confident and enjoyed the lesson.

It was lovely to gain an insight into the day-to-day running of a class and to get to know the children and the teachers. The class had a lovely relaxed and caring atmosphere. Mrs Billington is very attentive with the children and is a very lovely lady.

As their Class Governor, I am very much looking forward to finding out what the rest of the school year will bring for Mrs Billington’s Class.

Beverley Thompson – Parent Governor