**Shark Visit – Summer 2024**

It was lovely to visit Sharks class this afternoon for an active PE session.

The class are learning about 'striking/fielding' skills and games which those skills are used in.

It's always lovely to see the children and staff from Sharks and today was no exception. Everyone was enthusiastic about getting involved with the session and there were opportunities for paired work as well as team games working together. It was lovely to see the children explaining to each other how they could improve technique in their pairs as well as celebrating everyone's attempts in the team games - such a supportive class.

The class were able to observe modelling of technique at each stage which they could then practice, to perfect the techniques. Stages were broken down and then all were pulled together and practiced in the final game to put their newly learnt skills into action. Staff were on hand to help pairs work on how they positioned hands etc. It was a delight to see how proud the children were after they retried actions and received praise for it.

Technical terms were taught with explanations which were easy for the children to understand and some of the children brought in additional terms which they had learnt in other PE lessons - one young man had brough in a 'backspin' throw to make it more complex for his partner to catch. Concepts such as 'low' and 'high' were brought into explanations of the techniques they learnt.

All the children gave the lesson full effort and it was lovely to see less confident members become successful over the graduated steps of the session and the confidence and pride they took from their achievements. My favourite moment was the pep talk and encouragement one pupil gave the rest of his team mates with no adult prompting - a true team player.

Kind regards

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