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Governor Visit Report

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Date of Visit: 21st Novemeber 2014

Focus of Visit (linked to SDP) : Maths

As one of the Nominated Governors, responsible for Maths I visited Mr Arrowsmith, subject leader for Maths, on 21st November 2104.

The purpose of the visit was to establish an understanding of the curriculum and the work being carried out by the school.

During this visit Mr Arrowsmith took me through SEF for maths, and explained to me the courses that he had been on. He had been able to deliver training to the other teachers durning a recent inset day, and had also commented that he had already seen this teaching in action in the classroom, as a result he and I concluded that these courses were value for money.

Mr Arrowsmith showed me some of the displays in the school, focusing both pupils and teachers minds on maths. One of these was the weekly maths quiz aimed at KS2. He commented on the impact this already had, especially with girls who had by far contributed the greatest. This contribution was noted in the weekly newsletter. The maths quiz had now featured in the celebration assemblies and it was hoped that this would inspire other children to contribute. This was very encouraging to see, as it confirmed that there was a continuity between the SDP and what is being focused on in the school.

Mr Arrowsmith also showed me " monkey maths" which gave each pupil a specific target and plan for their maths, this was both visually appealing and gave the pupils clear goals to improving their maths. I was able to see this evidenced in a pupils maths book.

What did I learn from my visit:

I felt following my visit that the School and Mr Arrowsmith as subject lead had a good understanding and clear plan on improving pupils attainment and progression.

Going forward :

It was agreed that Governors would visit to see some practical example of how maths is being taught in the classrooms.

It was also agreed that governors would visit once a term to see the progress on this core subject.

I would like to thanks Mr Arrowsmith for the time he took in explaining this all to me.

Signed.....James Macfarlane

Signed(Headteacher / Subject Leader)