

Tigers Class Visit- 24.3.2022

Once again I had a lovely warm welcome to Tigers Class. The children came into class calmly and happy and got the things they needed for their day and found their seat. Lots of them said hello and that they remembered me from my last visit. The classroom was very calm and welcoming and there was lovely relaxing music and images on the interactive whiteboard. Mrs Gordon did the register and checked in with each child to see how they were feeling this morning, it was great to hear all the children relay that they were a "ten" and that they were excited to see what they were going to be learning about today. Mrs Gordon went over the visual timetable so the class knew what to expect and she also asked a child to recap some of the activities they had done that week for a child who had been absent.

Phonics started with the children using wooden letters to create an alphabet arc on their desk. All the children had their own resources and were able to quickly put their letters in order, those who finished quickly were encouraged to practise spelling some words they remembered from the previous session.

Mrs Gordon led the children in an "Alphabet Rap", with the children singing the alphabet, they were also able to do this without an adult joining in and it was really great to hear the class doing this so enthusiastically and I will definitely remember that tune!

Mrs Gordon introduced three new sounds to the children and practised these using letter and sound cards, including sounds that were already familiar to the class. The children all knew whether they were supposed to say the letter name, sound or word and took turns saying these as a group or individually. The children were then asked to use their wooden letters to spell out words that included the new sounds they had learnt. Mrs Gordon explained the "Flossy" rule and that the double letter sounds they had looked at come after a vowel. The children took turns identifying the vowel in the words they had spelt. The children were engaged in this activity and were very pleased with the words they spelt out. Photos were taken to evidence the children's work and Mrs Gordon showed me their handwriting in their books and how well the class are doing with their cursive writing.

Thank you Tigers class for making me feel so welcome in your phonics lesson and working so hard to practise your new sounds. I can't wait for my next visit.