**Zebra Visit – Summer 2023**

It was lovely to visit Zebra's class today to observe their RE lesson this afternoon.

It was fantastic to be back in Zebra's class today, the pupils and staff are all welcoming and enjoy showing their work and activities to visitors.

The lesson started with a quiz, which gave the children an opportunity to recap and consolidate their learning on key facts from previous learning. This was completed in teams which showed some lovely examples where pupils supported each other and encouraged other members of their team to achieve.

Small group discussion throughout the lesson saw pupils sharing ideas and listening to the ideas of others.

The class focus moved to learning, supported by visuals on the interactive whiteboard, about the Salvation Army, it's origins and it's founder William Booth. Through this whole class input it was pleasing to see the class piecing together previous learning with children able to contribute similarities with Barnardos which they have covered and also the visual similarities of William Booth to other people in history such as Abraham Lincoln! This topic supported discussion around the meaning of charity.

The class then split into three activity tables which encouraged pupils to extend their learning on this topic through multiple activities including creating a poster which applied their learning and conveying key points from it, an art project and collating key information to create a fact file. All pupils were actively engaged and enjoyed the activities, supported by adults in their small groups. The children were keen to share what they were doing, and it was lovely to see staff providing gentle encouragement about their improvements in skills such as drawing.

Staff supported the pupils well using different strategies including 'x mins listening/then time to do' to support attention and punctuation focus could be seen in support for written work.

It was lovely to visit Zebra's this afternoon - I hope they all have a lovely summer break!

Kind regards

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