**Shark Class Visit – Spring 24**

It was lovely to visit Sharks class this week for my Governor observation. Please find my summary of the visit below:

It was lovely to visit Sharks class this week to observe a literacy lesson. The pupils and staff team were welcoming, as always, and it was a delight to see the children so eager to share with me what they were doing in the lesson.

The class were working on persuasive writing in the form of a letter encouraging people to visit a particular destination. The class were focussed on using persuasive language but were also practicing using model letter format.

The class had, as a whole class, discussed the location they were going to persuade people to visit - Brazil. This brought in an opportunity for them to consolidate their recent previous learning from a Geography focus on this country. In mind maps they had though through all the fantastic aspects of Brazil which they thought people would enjoy but were also practicing reasoning skills on what they might not include as it would scare tourists away. It was lovely to see such good reasoning from the class as they explained to me the aspects they wouldn't mention in their letter.

The activity was giving the class valuable opportunities to create a letter and some of the children discussed with me why they wouldn't be using real names or addresses in their letter, thinking about safety and confidentiality. Others were demonstrating good ability to use features of laptop use such as spellcheck which will be valuable for them in the future.

The class were delightful, and it is amazing to see their confidence in what they are doing and conveying that to others. Having read the start of some of the letters, I'm ready to sign up to a holiday in Brazil too!! Very persuasive.

Kind regards

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