

Governor Visit – Science – Thursday 16th January 2020

Science Coordinator – Carole Stott

Governor – Peter Bentley

- Primary Science Quality Mark is being applied for, this will raise the profile of Science in school. The award should be awarded Spring 2020. It has a 3 year cycle.
- National Science Week (6/3/20 to 15/3/20). Plans in hand to include inviting parents with 'science style' jobs to share their experiences and be questioned by the children.
- The school is making good use of the British Science Association Early Years and Primary Activity packs to enhance the curriculum.
- There is a great deal of enthusiasm for Science in the school, both by pupils and staff.
- The Science Coordinator believes that curriculum content is well covered but that scientific skills need to be embedded. She is constantly identifying areas where support is needed.
- Target tracker is used to record assessments and progress.
UKS2 children are familiar with scientific skills and review progress through the units. The Science Coordinator would like to see this developed across key stages. Self evaluation is valuable and is being adapted for younger children.
Pupil voice and book look are utilised on a termly basis.
- Resources – consumables are readily available and physical resources are reasonably well resourced, although some are now becoming dated and worn. KS1 weather resources have been recently purchased.
- Continual Professional Development – more would be good. The Trust offers some good courses. Cost implications have to be considered.
- Science visits – Foundation – farm visits. KS1 to Lakeside Centre to explore animal and plant life. KS2, often incorporated into multi-curricular visits – eg Discovery Museum (linked with Victorian topic).
- Science UKS2 Assembly – space theme on Thursday 6/2/20. Governor invited.
- Assisted Review – 13/2/20 and 14/2/20.

I am very grateful to the Science Coordinator for her very obvious enthusiasm for, and commitment to, Science throughout the school. I look forward to further visits (including the UKS2 Science assembly) and hearing how the Primary Science Quality Mark application is progressing.

I'd like to thank Carole for our meeting which I found to be most interesting and informative.

Peter Bentley

Monday 20th January 2020