

Curriculum Week November 2012

Dear parents and grand parents,

Thank you so much for joining us during curriculum week – we hope you enjoyed taking part in all the different activities! We are always grateful to parents for taking the time to complete our short evaluations and the following is a summary of your views.

Which parts of the lesson did you feel that the children particularly enjoyed today?

- The painting and creating an animal print creature was enjoyable
- Singing the pattern song
- Pretending to be the teacher
- My little girl enjoyed the painting and repeating patterns, she really enjoys being creative
- The children were very enthusiastic when talking about autumn and using “wow” words in their poems.
- Making the leaf pictures
- Weaving with leaves
- My little boy enjoyed making the skeleton and talking about all the different body parts
- Building the skeleton, my son really enjoys being creative
- Singing and being the teacher
- Clapping the repeating patterns and being the teacher
- Hugely rewarding and a fascinating insight into my child’s education
- My child enjoyed telling me what to do today and the chat we had whilst doing the activity
- My child enjoyed designing and using the train track and using the beebot
- All of the lesson!
- Playing the drum and making up the song and dance about Diwali
- Shouting out the times tables
- When it was the whole class working together
- The interaction when doing times tables was made fun
- Reciting times tables together especially when it got to the square numbers
- Working with the white boards and working independently
- The children enjoyed answering the questions and being given the chance to go up to the front and share their ideas
- Listening to each others ideas

- Learning with their mum and getting messy in the clay!

In the lesson today, what did you find out about how your child learns?

- It was nice to watch the children learn together on the carpet and then put their knowledge into creative practice
- That maths starts with patterns
- That my little girl likes to volunteer and be involved in the activities
- She was listening well and enjoyed the lesson
- I was pleased to see my little girl took part on the carpet
- The lesson was structured and clearly had learning objectives
- That my child learns through having fun
- Children learn in groups, in pairs and individually
- Lovely to see how much the children listen and interact with the lesson
- That it is made fun to learn
- I was happy to see that my child willingly put his hand up on the carpet to answer questions
- Repeating things over and over until it sinks in
- It is interesting to see how much the children learn through play
- How they interact with the teacher and listen to instructions
- Listening to the teacher and watching her do some questions on the board first
- I noticed that the children were given different ways of learning – visual, verbal and writing
- I found out how the teacher explains the learning objective to the teacher
- When she concentrates she gets it correct and she needs to have more confidence in her ability
- This lesson helped me to understand where my child is at

Would you like to add any further comments about the lesson today?

- It was great to see the children learning together and having fun
- Lovely to see all the children listening so well and joining in the repeating patterns together – thank you for the chance to watch
- It was fun and imaginative
- I really enjoyed observing the lesson and having the opportunity to work with my son
- I liked how it incorporated lots of elements of learning as well as being fun!

- Making skeletons as homework would be a great idea and fun and easy to do together
- Fantastic – loved having the opportunity to be involved!
- Very enjoyable and informative
- I found the teachers very helpful
- It was engaging and creative
- I could tell all the children really enjoy learning
- Once again – have loved joining my son’s class – thank you.
- I really enjoyed learning myself today!
- I felt I learnt a lot and will be able to help my child more
- Very enjoyable and interesting to see how teaching has moved on since I was at school
- Some parents commented about the noise in other classes, the hall or centre bays during their visits to lessons and although we do our best to keep unnecessary and excess noise to a minimum, noise is part of school life like singing, music and part of everyday learning depending on the focus of the lesson.

Is there any other way in which you feel school could support parents with their child’s learning?

- Just more opportunities to see the children learning although this is already frequently offered
- Give us more advice on what we should be doing at home
- More parent interaction evenings
- I think inviting parents into lessons really helps them to understand how learning is encouraged – thank you!
- It would be helpful to have more handouts about what the children are learning so we could help at home
- Could school add activity sheets to the website for parents to do at home with their children?
- I really loved my child’s lesson today – thank you very much.
- Full curriculum list of what the children are learning each term
- No – keep up the good work!! It is fantastic to be able to interact with my daughter at school. Really enjoyed the lesson.
- School already gives websites for further education at home
- More help and ideas for maths homework
- More homework please – especially in maths.
- Not really apart from sending us [parents] all back to school!

Thank you
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