GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT	Date: 09.02.16
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Focus of visit Meeting to review literacy across the whole school: interventions, progress	Classes/staff visited Mrs Pickering, literacy coordinator and year 6 teacher

Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.

- I spoke with literacy coordinator to obtain overall view of literacy across the school
- I looked at literacy files including key data and interventions.
- Looked at new records of pupil progress tracking sheets

What have I learned as a result of my visit?

- Wide range of literacy programmes employed by school: Lexia, Reading Eggs/Eggspress, Talk4 Writing: all very effective
- Talk4 Writing really making a difference in pupil progress: greater engagement by children, leading to greater confidence through verbalising before writing.
- Book scrutinies take place termly; writing moderation half-termly.
- More phonics teaching/interventions, from 3 days week to 5 days; beginning to be effective in pupil progress.
- Year 2 will have to take SPAG exam for first time this year: resources to be found online.
- Overall closer monitoring by SLT has had very positive impact on progress.
- Old levels are used as starting point to monitor progress of pupils; staff adjusting to new assessment without levels.

Positive comments about the visit

- Much closer monitoring of individuals' progress is leading to targeted and effective interventions
- Phonics progress/data looking very promising.
- Great commitment by staff to improve progress of all cohorts throughout the school
- Very clear, visual arrow diagrams that demonstrate overview of where pupils are at: re. targets.
- Very effective tracking records of pupil progress being set up.
- Staff very willing to share good practice
- Staff all very proactive

Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:

How are G & T being stretched? Are there any particular cohorts who are struggling?

Ideas for future visits:

Look at resources and watch a talk 4 writing session taking place

Any other comments:

I have asked Mrs Pickering to send me some of the key sheets we looked at. Great deal of effort and commitment by staff to improve literacy across the whole school, with senior leadership team working together to monitor progress of pupils.

Signed: Clare Stubbs, Link Governor