

**Link Governor visit — Chris Baker — 9 February 2017**

**Focus: to see reading activity** SIP link: Key Issue 2 — Improve Attainment in Reading

**Classes visited: Year 5 and Miss Limer**

**Summary**

I visited Year 5 to see a reading activity led by Miss Hodgson (Reading/Library Co-ordinator). The purpose of the activity was to encourage the children to read and to extend their choice of books. Each child had a menu of types of books and each table had books from one particular type e.g historical, adventure, mystery, sci-fi, non-fiction. The children moved around the different tables to sample the different types of books. At each table they had to write something on their menu about a book they had chosen.

**What I have learned**

The children enjoyed the activity and were keen to look at the books. Some of them asked if they could borrow the books after the lesson.

**Positive comments**

There was a good range of books that would appeal to the children. The books were also at different reading levels. The children were interested in exploring new books and new authors. Miss Hodgson was able to give lots of information to them about the books as she has read every book selected for the library.

**Aspects I would like clarified, etc.**

It would be interesting to see if the children had read the books they had commented on in the activity.

**Other comments**

Ms Stubbs, governor, also came to the lesson. It was very interesting to talk to the children about the books they were looking at. They were good at telling us about the books they were choosing, what they usually liked reading and why. It was good to see reading being encouraged in an imaginative and engaging way as Reading is a key issue for development in school.

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