



# Brunton First School Governing Body

## Reading Learning Walk

Spring Term: 08.02.2023

The Spring Term is now well underway and our team of Governors were kindly invited into school to see how reading is delivered across Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It has been a priority of Brunton to raise standards across the school and embed a love of reading, ensuring the children become confident, fluent readers.

**'Little Wandle' is a scheme that was introduced at the start of the year for teaching early reading and spelling.** It is also used by other schools across the Gosforth Trust providing a consistent and rigorous approach to the teaching of phonics. As the children move through the school, they are taught reading through 'Whole Class Reading' sessions.

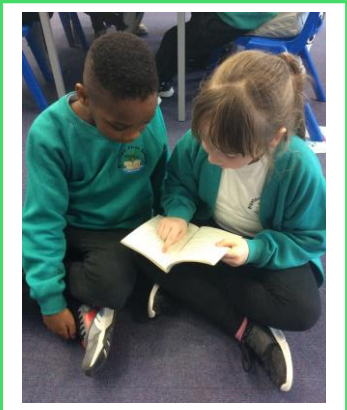


Governors observed classroom environment, participation, independent reading, pupil engagement and the active learning that was taking place.

**Talk Partners are such a strength in all classrooms.** The children are familiar with working together and are eager to share and discuss their thoughts with one another.

We were very impressed that all staff were enthusiastically applying the same principles and teaching techniques. There was a noticeable sequence to the teaching across the school. Strong foundations are clearly embedded in EYFS and built upon in KS1 and KS2 to prepare the children for future education.

**A number of different strategies are in place to help support every child.** As part of the lessons key vocabulary and reading skills were discussed and taught to ensure that all children clearly understood the purpose of the lesson and what they were reading about. Some of the KS2 classes were focusing on retrieval of information using the 'Reading Dog' Rex Retriever. The 'Reading Dogs' such as Inference Iggy, Victor Vocab and Predicting Pip are all well-known characters, an initiative used to encourage children and to support their learning.



**It was a joy to see the children having a consistent approach to their learning at this point in the year.** The staff at school have worked hard together with the 'Little Wandle' scheme of work to ensure the children are building upon their strengths and developing their skills.

**Our visit coincided with the Parent Reading sessions** which have been held this term across the year groups. The sessions allowed the love of reading to be shared between parents and children. They were very popular with lots of positive feedback!!

**As well as this, Governors also took part in the E-safety workshop** which gave invaluable information and support for parents - **keep a look out for more workshops which will be coming throughout the year!** It's a great opportunity to be part of the school community and to share experiences!



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