

Nicola Sweeting Link Governor Role - Maths

Friday 25th March 2022 2 pm to 3 pm

I met with the joint Maths Leads Abi Barker and Sam Soper who enthusiastically talked me through the detailed Wellsprings Maths Action Plan 2021/22 and the very thorough Calculation Policy both attached to this email.

The plan seeks to build on the many strengths within the school including the CPA (Concrete Pictorial Abstract) approach which is a very successful program combining materials and pictures with the more abstract elements of mathematics. White Rose is being used by all staff throughout the school and maths and is being taught consistently in parallel classes and the opportunity for staff to make observations and share best practice has begun to be planned now that Covid restrictions are being lifted. Developing on these foundations a number of listed priorities including developing well-being and maths confidence for pupils, in response to missed topics due to COVID. The school aims for all children to make expected progress this year. In addition, the Maths policy will be reviewed and parents and staff provided with opportunities to understand calculation methods. The teaching of Maths within the school is developing further with fun times tables learning which is being tied into the maths lesson rather than beginning the maths lesson and seemingly separated from it.

Ideas arising from our conversation showed how creative the shared leads were in thinking of the possibilities of starting a Maths Club where older children support younger and embed their own knowledge as well as finding way to support staff in their own maths confidence.

Wellsprings competed successfully in the regional annual Maths Challenge held by Wellington School winning Bronze, a huge achievement in a very competitive environment.

Children at Wellsprings continue to enjoy Maths, many citing it as their favourite subject, which future Governor visits and Learning Walks will no doubt confirm even further.