

Governor's Learning Walk

Early Years in Reception Class on 23/09/16

I conducted a Learning Walk in Reception last Friday from 9.00am to about 10.30am. I don't think that there can be a better way to start the day than Squiggle While You Wiggle and the Dough Disco.

It was fascinating for me to see how teaching at the Early Years stage works. The day starts with an hour or so of child-led activities. Essentially the children decide what they want to do and the teaching staff use those activities to educate them in a variety of ways. Counting, reasoning and life skills are all built into discussions about what the children are doing so that they can develop their play and begin to understand the world around them.

The child-led activities are followed by some adult-led tasks after a period of enthusiastic tidying of the classroom.

The staff also work with the children constantly to assist them in the ways in which they relate to each other resulting in a very pleasant environment.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable and informative morning. I wish I could start every Friday this way!!

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