



## River View Primary & Nursery School

### Governor Visit Report

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| <b>Name:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | MIKE TAYLOR |
| <b>Date of Visit:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 27 JAN 2020 |
| <b>Focus of Visit:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SCIENCE     |
| <b>Classes/Staff visited</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CAROL MORAN |
| Summary of activities eg observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc<br>Discussion with Science Subject Leader.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |             |
| What I have learned as result of my visit?<br>- children are enjoying the subject<br>- need to raise the profile of science as it is a statutory subject<br>- time-tabling has been an issue as it's not possible to place science within another subject without diluting the topic; science can get "squeezed out"                                                                            |             |
| Positive comments about the focus: <u>STRENGTHS</u><br>- more science teaching is in evidence (no pupil voice recently, but will be done shortly)<br>- correct science vocab evident in children's book (Y4, 5 + 6); consistent across school                                                                                                                                                   |             |
| Aspects I would like clarified/questions I have: <u>WEAKNESSES</u><br>- staff confidence has not been high enough<br>- not been enough sharing of resources until recently, but now being collected centrally in order to enable sharing<br>- recent over-reliance on worksheets; need for more advanced pupils to engage more with modelling<br>- consistency of resources need to be improved |             |
| Ideas for future visits: <u>RESOURCES</u><br>- Kent Primary Science used as a guide/framework; improves science vocabulary<br>- <u>PLAN</u> assessment for science (gives year-on-year "benchmarks")                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |
| Any other comments: <u>PRESSURES</u><br>- time for teaching (need to revisit if kids don't have the basics)<br>- time-tabling constraints do mean science is at risk of being "pushed out"                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |
| <u>TRAINING</u><br>- no formal training is planned, but staff responded well to Summer '19 session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             |

Signed: .....  
(Governor)

*Michael Taylor*

Signed: .....  
(Headteacher/Co-ordinator)