

MAY 2016 OFSTED REPORT

YOU SAID:

Leaders and those responsible for governance should ensure that:

- the teaching of problem solving and reasoning improves in mathematics and that the teachers challenge the most able, encouraging them to think harder to achieve their potential
- pupils are given more regular opportunities to learn the subject-specific skills in History, Geography and Science.

WE DID:

MATHEMATICS

The teachers at BCA have worked closely with the Maths lead, Mrs Joynes, to ensure they are now able to provide daily opportunities for all children to problem solve and reason in Mathematics lessons. The BCA Maths Medium Term Plans have been updated to support the planning and teaching of these activities across the maths curriculum.

The use of models and images continues to be supporting children in having a firm understanding of maths concepts before moving on to the abstract activities and formal recording.

To ensure our pupils have the opportunity to become Masters in maths, More able mathematicians are provided with activities to ensure they are challenged and confidently able to reason and problem solve across all aspects of the Maths curriculums for the age related end of year expectations.

MORE ABLE

Our 'More able co-ordinator', Miss Bloss, liaised with teachers and collected data regarding how the 'more able' children did when tested. Planning was also looked at. A 'more able' club is now up and running by Miss Bloss. The club produced their first BCA newspaper, 'BELMONT BUGLE', last term. Differentiated tasks are planned for our More Able children to further stretch them.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY/SCIENCE

Our History, Geography and Science co-ordinators completed an audit of their subjects. They assessed their subjects against the 'Raising Standards in Foundation Subjects'. Next term they will carry out book scrutinies and offer more support to help teachers with planning for those foundation subjects. Our Science co-ordinator has been leading a Science club once a week where children get the opportunity to carry out different experiments. Staff training sessions were held too. As a school we are working towards the PSQM Award.