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Ofsted Report

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find attached our OFSTED report from our recent inspection in early May. **As you can see once again, we are graded 'Good' which is very positive.**

The report has many lovely things to say about the school and of course OFSTED being OFSTED, there are development points for us to consider.

As it was an 'ungraded' inspection, the report is very brief. So much more is said on the inspection days in conversation with the inspector. I know it doesn't make sense, as the ungraded inspection, then grades us. In essence **they are confirming the school remains 'Good'**.

It was quite an odd inspection. Just one inspector for 2 days for a two-form entry school. An inspection involves all these strange phrases such as 'deep dives' into subjects. Our 'deep dives' were Reading with Phonics; Art and Maths. Strangely, although so much was discussed linked to our Maths curriculum; the report does not mention Maths at all. OFSTED also have other strange phrases such as 'shallow paddles' meaning a light touch dip into something.

Each time schools have an inspection the focus of the inspection changes, dependant on the most recent inspection framework. The current inspection framework, has a high focus on the wider curriculum. We have worked really hard on this and feel our curriculum is in a very positive place. You will know this from all the tangible things you see and experience from Art outcomes across the school, through to our Music performances to Parents; along with our Science Fayre to name but a few.

There is no such thing as a finished curriculum; it always needs to adapt, change and apply current best practice research thinking. On a recent conference, both Deputy Heads and myself were privileged to hear from some leading educational speakers on how the creative curriculum; in the widest sense is essential for future jobs and carers. Many countries have adopted this approach across the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development - it is a unique forum where the Governments of 37 democracies with market-based economies collaborate to develop policy standards to promote sustainable economic growth), with Canada; New Zealand; Ireland and both Wales and Scotland signed up to this future proof agenda. Unfortunately, currently England is not a signatory. Creativity is about how you present information; a problem-solving mindset and a way of working and thinking that supports well-being. We are very proud that we have naturally been working on this over time and I'm using some illustrations from some work Year 6 are currently doing to illustrate this approach. Look at how they use imagery to make a point and to present a challenge. Look at how deep their thinking goes in their writing and see how they own their voice on things that matter.











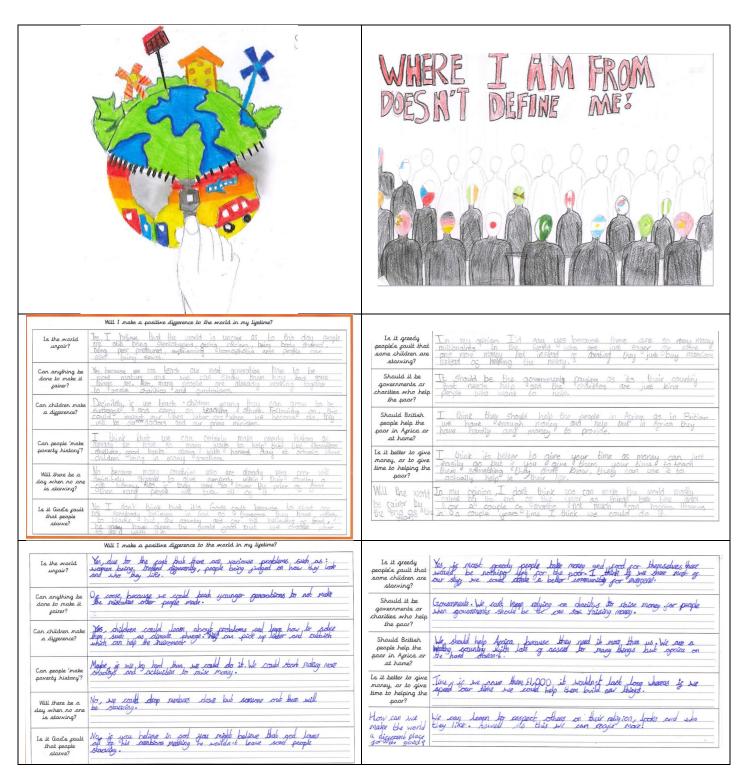




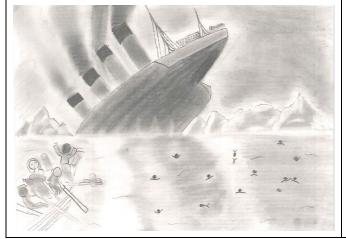


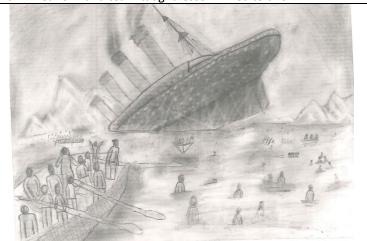


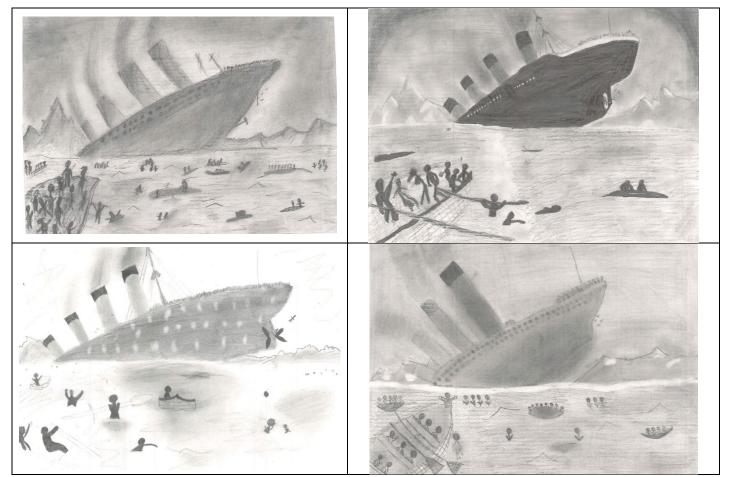




I have also added in some of the images from Year 6 transition work to high school linked to a Titanic unit. These sketches are fabulous and I know Mrs Collins, our Art lead, supported Mr Smith in Year 6 with a team-taught lesson linked to this.







I'm also really keen to share, when we get it back, the fantastic outcomes from Year 3's work with an artist. This was part of an inside/outside project working with an artist for 10 days with all work showcased at **Ingrestre Hall in Staffordshire** and all participating schools attending get to see each other's work. It is fabulous; pupils and staff learnt so much from the experience. I'm always so proud how we embrace these opportunities that support and enrich pupil lives.

So well done everyone; my thanks to our pupils; our fantastic staff team and our extremely skilled teacher work force; my talented and extremely hardworking leadership team; our Governors and our Parent/Carer community. We are always proud as a school to have deep values and clear vision for school improvement. Our values are at the heart of everything we do and rooted in our school community context. Ofsted understood just how important this is to us.

So, onto the next phase of working on development points and continuing to do what we already do so well.

Yours sincerely

Ms Walsh Headteacher