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Schools News



Building Blocks at Grove Road

Grove Road Primary School

Parents of children in Reception at Grove Road Primary School in Tring were invited to be a 'fly on the wall' in the classroom, as part of the Building Blocks Programme developed at Grove Road. Parents are invited to literacy and mathematics lessons each term, to gain a deeper understanding about what is taught and why.

The Literacy Building Blocks session held this month started with learning phonics, which is part of each school day. With a mix of flash cards, rhymes, using letters on magnetic boards and writing in the air, the group phonics learning is fast-paced, multi-sensory and interactive.

Parents were then able to observe the children as they practised their writing and letter formation. There was also a shared reading session done on the white board, which enabled children to sound out words together, point out 'tricky' words, use their expression and check their understanding.

A session for parents explained the way literacy is taught at Grove Road and how it fits in to the development of communication skills and other areas of learning.

Early Years lead Katie Collins said: "Research shows that children's achievement is closely linked to parental engagement in their education and as a school we fully support this."