

# Sophia and Joshua are both flourishing in different ways in the safe environment of Bassingham Primary School

# **Quick progress**

Sarah and Justin are delighted with the good start both Sophia and Joshua have made to their education since joining Bassingham Primary School. Their Mum, Sarah, says: "I am really pleased with what they have achieved since starting and I am confident they are being given the best education possible and being helped to make progress."

#### Good move

Sarah and Justin moved Sophia from another school to join Year One at Bassingham when she was five years old. They had been impressed with the school ever since Sarah had started working there as an administrator in the school office. Sarah says: "I began working for the school two and a half years ago and was impressed. Sophia was already attending a different school and there was nothing wrong with it but we decided to move her as we felt that Bassingham would have more to offer. I took Sophia to look round and she really liked it so she started the following January in the middle of Year One."

# Maths help

"Thankfully Sophia settled in fine and made new friends quickly. It was an easy transition for her and she enjoyed the rest of Year One. She is quite creative and enjoys art, reading and writing. At her previous school Sophia was shy and tended to remain in the background, but since attending Bassingham has definitely grown in confidence. During Year Three it became apparent that Sophia was struggling with Maths, her teacher was quick to pick up on this and she was fully supported with extra intervention lessons which soon brought her up to scratch and improved her confidence," Sarah says.

#### Fun outdoors

"Sophia loves everything about being at Bassingham. She takes part in the after school multi-sports club where she is getting the chance to try different sports, such as dodgeball and football and has also just started Beacon Club which we feel will improve her confidence even more."

# **Building friendships**

Joshua is a different personality and is much more selfassured, Sarah says. "He has also settled in well since starting at Bassingham. He went to pre school and then moved up to the reception class, which he has really enjoyed so far. He made a lot of friends at pre school who moved up with him, which helped. Joshua enjoys Forest Schools and going into the woodlands to study nature because he loves being outdoors. We are very happy with Joshua's progress. His reading is coming on and his writing has improved. We can now see a massive difference because the staff have put in a lot of effort to help him. They realised he was an outdoors type so they encouraged him to work outside with chalks and paint. By letting him play and not sit at a desk all the while they have encouraged him with his writing and brought him on. But now they have slowly moved the writing work indoors and he is doing really well," Sarah says.

# **Caring staff**

"The staff at Bassingham know all the children well and you can feel it is a nurturing environment. All the children are safe and happy and the parents can be confident they are being well cared for. The staff have an open door policy and parents can come in and chat whenever they have queries. You feel you can speak to them about anything. I would wholeheartedly recommend the school to other parents. Dominic is four and in pre school at the moment but he will be going up to reception at Bassingham in September and I am confident he will be well looked after."

# Children say

Sophia says: "I like the after school clubs."





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