

Talking Heads 🖟

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 14th January 2022

Our Spring curriculum is in full swing, and children are really enjoying their topics. All our new curriculum planners are now on our website, so you can see what your child will be learning this term. Here is a summary below:

Bumblebees: Underground Overground. This term we will use the overarching theme of Underground, Overground to learn through open-ended projects. We will initially explore transport on land, air and sea, however as an open-ended project, we will go with the children's ideas and interests to develop their learning across the EYFS. Click here to view.

Squirrels: Titanic! In History, children will learn about this exciting period in history and how the concepts of trade, monarchy, community and travel were different then compared to now. In geography, children will learn about the seas that surround the UK, and through following the journey of the Titanic from Belfast to America, they will develop knowledge of the oceans and continents of the world. In Science pupils explore and understand the various habitats located around the world, focusing on the ocean, the Arctic and Antarctic and rainforest. Click here to view.

Otters: Explorers. In history pupil swill find out about the Tudor and Elizabethan explorers. During her reign, Queen Elizabeth the 1st encouraged sailors to become English explorers and to go on voyages to see what they could find. In science pupils will be tasked to create an amazing interactive book that explains all about our incredible world of living things. They will discover how living things are grouped according to their features, and create exciting pop-ups, spring-outs, lift-up flaps and turning wheels which show the wonderfully diverse groups of plants and animals on our planet. Click here to view.

Badgers: America! In 1492 Christopher Columbus, an Italian Explorer accidentally landed on the shores of a New Land, previously undiscovered. After that many other explorers came from France, Spain, England and Holland and claimed parts of this land. In history pupils will discover how since this date America has evolved to be the country it is today. In science pupils will study the Amazon Basin in South America and think like an environmental scientist as they explore this resource-rich environment, investigating the impact of human activity on the natural resources and communities of the region. Click here to view.

> Mrs Rowena Kaminski Head of School



Morning drop-off entrances

From next week (17th January) we will use our original entrance points for our new classrooms. Teachers will be at these points in the morning, so you will know where to go. If you are unsure at all, please contact your child's teacher.

Bumblebees – Nursery gate on path

Squirrels - Side gate at front of school

Otters – Large gate at the bottom of the path

Badgers - Large gate at the bottom of the path

Community career day - Can you help us?

Working with the community is important for our children to feel their sense of place in the world, but also to have positive local role-models as aspirations for our pupils' future careers. We are looking for people that work in local businesses who may be able to offer a short class assembly or a workshop for our children. This could be someone that works in sport, science (NHS), design, a chef, a florist, a musician, a dancer, an artist - You might know someone who has a fascinating job that our children would really enjoy hearing about - if you do - please get in contact with the school office to let us know!

Parent workshops We would like to look at offering parent workshops in the new year. I would love to hear your views on what you feel would be useful for you and your child. Please click on the survey link to complete- it will only take a few minutes and will ensure that we plan events that

meet your needs https://forms.office.com/Pages/Res ponsePage.aspx?id=JrQkp8FnXke oqbxzu3pJLpbGO3zQMnxBgUDz_ 4F9s8hUMTZOR1VHMEkzNIFPMz k3TVNXRTZMR1NIMC4u

Parent Governor Opportunity February 2022

If you would like to find out more about how you could contribute to governance at our school, or have any questions about anything, then please contact the school office.



This half term, in worship, we will be focusing on the Christian value of Respect. If children have any pravers or pictures. linked to this theme, that they would like to share during this special service, they would be very welcome to do so.

JPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Click here</u> to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Last day of term: Friday 18th February 2022 Children return to school: Tuesday 1st March 2022



Head Awards this week:

Bumblebees: Maddie and Poppy Squirrels: Oscar and Georgia Otters: Conor and Amelia Badgers: Christian and Xavier

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