

# Talking Heads (

# Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been wonderful to send quality time in each class to delve deeper into their learning. I have seen fantastic examples of cross- curricular learning, for example Badger class have recently been completing map work to support our topic the Romans, where they learnt to identify Italy and the city of Rome. They have also been able to map the progression of the Roman Empire through invasions over many European countries. The children have also started using 'topic jotters'. Each child has a small notebook to allow them to capture any important learning from their topic and use this for their 'independent learning time'. This has been allowing Badgers to practise writing legibly at speed through learning the skill of note taking. The children have then loved the opportunity to complete a project and present their topic knowledge, based on enquiry question, in their own individual way. Which is really important for their engagement and enjoyment.

I have also been busy capturing the voice of children in how they feel about their learning and our curriculum – this has been valuable in enabling me to work with staff on ensuring that their learning experience is as engaging and purposeful as we can make it for them.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended the KS2 Reading workshop event this week with Mrs. Finch and Miss Thomas. Your participation and enthusiasm made the event a great success. We hope you found the workshop informative and enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing you at future events. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated! Mrs Rowena Kaminski

## **Curriculum spotlight - Reading**



Reading Workshop – thank you to all those who attended our parent reading workshop! If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to ask Miss Thomas or Mrs Finch, our reading experts. Please see below for free books and exciting reading games to enjoy with your child!

#### Free e-books for you and your child:

- https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-abook/library-page
- https://sooperbooks.com/
- https://freekidsbooks.org/

## Free practice for reading comprehension online:-

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7vm7nb
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs44jxs https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-
- vears/reading
- https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/freeresources/home-learning/comprehension-plus-samples

https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/nocturnal/index.html

# Free spelling games to play and practice:-

- https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/tellATRex/index.html
- https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySpellings/index.h <u>tml</u>

#### **Congratulations to Mrs Yale**

Headteacher



We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community!

Mrs. Yale, our Badger class teacher, is expecting a baby at the end of July. We are all very excited for her and wish her the best during this special time.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Yale and her family on this joyous occasion!

### **Attendance**

We have noticed a pattern of low attendance on Fridays and would like to address this concern with your support.

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. To help improve attendance, we encourage you to ensure your child gets a good night's sleep, has a consistent morning routine, and understands the importance of attending school every day.

If there are specific challenges you are facing, please feel free to reach out to us so we can work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education.

WORSHIP

This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Respect Our chosen worship songs this week were: Shine Jesus Shine and From the Tiny Ant This week in worship we learnt about Respecting difference – click here to watch together.







This is Rosa Parks.

- In 1955, she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white person. At that time, white people and black people were kept apart in some American states.
- Her actions changed American history forever.
- Click here to find out more

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Click here to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Friday 14th February:- Children break-up for half term Monday 24th February:- PD Day (no children in school this day)

Tuesday 25th February:- Children return to school

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March:- Mother's Day Service in Church Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:- Badger Class Residential 3 days Wednesday 9th April:- Easter Service in Church Friday 11th April:- Children break-up for Easter holidays

Monday 28th April:- Children return to school

Monday 5th May:- Bank Holiday (no children in school this day) Monday 12th May:- Year 6 SATs week

Friday 23rd May:- Children break-up for half-term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:- Children return to school

Friday 25th July:- Children break up for Summer holidays

# **Parent Survey**

We are conducting a survey to gather valuable feedback on our School and the Marches Academy Trust. The survey takes about 10 minutes and covers a range of topics. Please click the link below and share your views.

LINK:- edurio.com/poll/xwrsFm



# **NEWS**

Click here to view what our students have been up to recently.

# **Happy Birthday to:-**

Mrs Finch and Isaac D

Who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We hope you have a great day celebrating!



