



Early Years Talk-Talk

Friday 14th May 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

The Big Ask - Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children's Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives.

Taking part in the survey is optional and children do not need to answer the questions if they don't want to. Children in Years 2 – 6 can complete the survey via <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> For younger children in years R and 1 (aged 4-5) there is a survey which they can complete with their parent. It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

Find out more and take part here: [The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/)
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Bella for being a persevering parrot and a Go for it Gorilla in phonics. She is trying really hard to read and write simple words.

Message from Early Years

This week in Early Years we have been continuing to learn all about our theme - 'Do dragons exist?'

We have been making castles using box modelling, making knights using foil, carefully painting our own castles, practicing our letter formation in the glittery shaving foam, measured the giant's footstep, practiced our subtraction using playdough and ten frames, weaving wool through the harp, sequenced the story Jack and the Beanstalk, writing our own stories and much more.

In theme this week, we have been learning all about who lived inside a castle and what their special jobs were. We researched and found information all about swordsmith's, bakers, stable boys, guards, knights, servants, kings and queens, princesses and princes. In literacy this week, we pretended to be Jack from the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we have been writing our own letter to the Giant to say sorry for taking his harp and hen.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR BOTH NURSERY AND RECEPTION: Thursday 27th May 2021

At the end of this half term we would like to finish off our theme 'Do dragons exist?' by having a medieval banquet and learning some medieval dancing. This definitely wouldn't be the same without dressing up! We would like your child to come into school dressed up as a Princess, Prince, Knight, King, Queen etc.

Please could you provide your child with a named paper plate with a small snack just for them, ready for the banquet. Please ensure that you only put a couple of items i.e. a small cake and crisps.

This week in Nursery:

We have been continuing our theme 'Do Dragons Exist' this week, thinking about vocabulary relating to castles, dragons, princes and princesses. We made some knights using tin foil and then painted some castle walls for our knights to stand in front of on our display. We also talked about the jobs people did in castles such as the herald, messenger and the candle maker. We talked about the jobs we would like to do if we worked in a castle.

On Tuesday, we went in the forest and wrote our names using natural materials which was a bit tricky for some children who have long names!! Miss Collett took the children on a bug hunt in the forest, using the viewers to look closely at what they found. The children found millipedes and ladybirds and many strange creatures that we didn't know the names of!

We used Google to look at pictures of the insects to try and find out their names. As well as this, we have been painting cardboard castles and putting them in our Small World area to play with. The children have loved making up stories with the figures of knights, princesses and dragons.



This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!

Take a look at this week's activities...



