



The Hayfield Herald

The Rabbit Hole and Explorer Room



Today we were very excited to open our two new learning areas The Rabbit Hole and Explorer Room. Both of these are designed to be flexible and inspiring learning spaces for the children to work in either by themselves, in pairs or in small adult led groups. As our school grows these will be invaluable spaces for learning and will be used to support our innovative small group teaching model.

The Rabbit Hole is an open area with a small group teaching space as well as a standing work bench for children to work at or under. There is also a lovely story chair to enjoy reading in while looking into The Rabbit hole. The whole area is based on Alice in Wonderland and is designed to fire the children's imagination as they learn..... Who knows what may be hiding behind the red door?

The Explorer Room is the study of a British explorer who disappeared on an expedition in 1934. His name, 'Nicholas Townley', is still on the label of his trunk (which doubles up as a seat and a work space). In the Explorer Room you will find Mr Townley's desk as he left it along with photographs of his family and his life story. There are also interesting artefacts, maps, and pictures from the past for the children to investigate and find out about.

Both rooms are truly stunning and are part of our whole school development where we have set ourselves the goal to make Hayfield Cross an incredible, unique and inspirational place for the children to love learning in. This includes the classrooms and all of the spaces around the school. The creation of both rooms have been a huge team effort from our Team Orange staff who have all contributed and with very special thanks to Mr Hobbs our Site Manager who has championed the project and worked tirelessly to make them look so amazing. We officially opened the rooms today after our Celebration Assembly. Thank you to our parents who joined us to see our rooms opened and we are really looking forward to seeing the children using them next week! Photos of the rooms will be posted on our blog on the website <http://hayfieldcross.org.uk> and on our Facebook page over the weekend.

This week Squirrel Class have also been cooking as part of their learning using the text Pumpkin Soup. On Thursday they used the kitchen to prepare their soup using instructions and their cooking skills. The soup is now frozen ready for them to taste it next week.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Phonics Information Evening, Wednesday 2nd November 3:30pm. This will give parents information about how we teach phonics at Hayfield Cross. We would encourage parents to join us for this as it will help you support your children at home. For Hayfield Cross children there will be a DVD supervised by staff in a separate room so parents can attend the meeting. This is for **Hayfield Cross children only**, as we can not take responsibility for any other children. If you do bring younger or older siblings then we ask that you **MUST** keep them sat with you and supervised at all times so as not to interrupt the presentation.

Dressing Up Clothes. If you are willing to donate any old dressing up clothes that are still in good condition but no longer fit your child etc. we would love to have them for either Bumblebee's role play area or for the children to use at break times.

Christmas events. On Monday a letter will be sent home with all the information about our Christmas activities.