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Dear Year 5 Families,

Turing Prague Mobility Update

As we head towards the end of term I wanted to update you on plans that have been taking place regarding the Prague Mobility. As you know, all Year 5 children from Welton, Shoscombe and St John's will be connecting with children from the Skola Da Vinci school in Prague (https://www.skoladavinci.cz/) through online activities and work, with a small group from each school having the opportunity to visit the school in March 2024 and experience Prague first hand. The theme of the connection is 'wellbeing' so we are looking forward to sharing ideas and working together on this!

While the plans for the visit are still taking place, I can confirm that having visited the city and school last week, the children and staff at Skola da Vinci are very excited about the connection. During my visit, a draft programme of activities was written together with a number of risk assessments in preparation for the visit. Next week, teachers from our three MNSP schools will be meeting the Skola Da Vinci teachers online to plan the actual work and activities that all our year 5 children will be involved in between January and March. It has been great to see some short pupil welcome videos being exchanged already!

I am currently finalising flights from Heathrow, transport and accommodation details for the small group of children and staff who will be attending the visit so I hope to be able to confirm names of those involved very shortly. The current plan is to take 7 children from each of our three schools (21 in total) with 5 members of staff. The proposed dates of the visit are now a week earlier than originally planned - Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March 2024. Once these details are finalised, I will share these with you. There will also be a number of meetings for parents of pupils involved in the visit, to share risk assessments and itinerary and to talk more about the experience. For all our Year 5 children, it would be good to spend some time looking at where Prague is, its famous landmarks and perhaps have a look at the school website shared above.

While it has taken time to get plans sorted, I am really looking forward to the opportunity for all our Year 5 children to connect with children from another culture - a hugely enriching experience. If you would like more information about the Turing Scheme, please visit https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/. As I have mentioned, I will be in contact very shortly with final details.

WIth best wishes for a super Christmas break,

V Mr J Snell Head Teacher

