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19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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As an academy we have been looking at how we can best support your child with their language skills, so they can become confident learners. Because of this, we have signed up to take part in an exciting research project called 'Talking Time' which will help the staff at Brambles develop their skills to support children's language development. The Early Years team will receive specialist training and support from a mentor in order to use 'Talking Time' resources in class.

The aim of the research project is to find out whether the programme improves children's language and communication skills. This is important so we are able to support your child in Nursery but also as they move into reception and beyond.

As part of the project we will be working very closely with specialists from Newcastle University, University College London and University of Oxford. Before the programme begins we would like to collect some information about your child, we will then collect more information at the end of the programme to see how your child's language and social skills has developed.

We would really like to include all of the children in this project as the children will be looked at as a class rather than an individual child.

Please complete and return the attached forms no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, so that your child can be included in this fabulous project.

Many Thanks  
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