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Dear Parents

## Take One Picture 2019

Next week, Pre Prep children will be involved in an exciting art project called *Take One Picture*.

The project, run by The National Gallery, is an annual event and invites schools to focus their curriculum around a well-known piece of art for one week.

This year, the nominated painting is *Men of the Docks* by George Bellows. The piece depicts men waiting for work at the docks in New York in the early 1900s. The painting, bought by The National Gallery in 2014, can be found alongside the likes of Cézanne, Degas and Monet.

If you would like to view the picture, please click on the link below.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/george-bellows-men-of-the-docks>

Over the course of this week, sections of the painting were gradually revealed and children talked about what they could see, what they thought the whole picture might look like, and also the techniques of the artist.

Next week, children will be involved in a range of activities inspired by the painting, including maths investigations, science experiments, history and geography, as well as a range of creative tasks. Teachers will be documenting the work taking place, and will eventually submit this to the Take One Picture project leaders in London. Schools across the country will also do this and some may be lucky enough to have their work displayed in The National Gallery next year. The project has run for several years and you can view more information about this by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/learning/teachers-and-schools/take-one-picture>

We will be displaying a copy of the picture in the Pre Prep entrance next week and hope that this generates discussion about the piece and the activities taking place. We will display the children's work later in the year.

We look forward to sharing the events through our letters and social media posts next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Katie Lawry