



# Talavera Junior School

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Autumn 1 - Rise of the Robots and Raging Rivers

Aspiration

Integrity

Resilience



#### WELCOME TO YEAR 4

We are extremely excited to welcome you all into Year 4 and we hope that this will be a fantastic year. We have planned for many exciting learning opportunities this year including trips and hands-on learning experiences that we cannot wait to share with you. As you know, our first trip is to Legoland on **Monday 23rd September** where the children will get to code their own Lego construction!

This half-term will be based around our Science topic on Electricity where the children will learn how to create a working circuit. This knowledge will then be applied to our Design Technology project to create their own moving bug. In addition to this, our English lessons for the next term will be based on both short video clips and texts that include a robotic theme. Alongside this, we will also be learning about rivers in Geography with a focus on rivers in Nepal.

Many children find this topic particularly fascinating and we welcome any additional home learning that the children may wish to share with us.

Stimulus - Legoland Robotics Workshop

English:  
The Lost Thing

Class Reader:  
The Wild Robot



Science - Electricity  
Computing - Online Safety  
Music - Listen 2 Me music  
(African percussion)

DT - Scuttle bugs

French - Welcome to Morocco

PE - Fitness/ Gymnastics  
Art - Robots and Donuts (Eric Joyner)

PSHE - Facing Emotions

RE - Christian messages

#### KEY DATES:

**Tuesday 3rd September** - First day back

**W/C 16th September** - Aspiration Week

**Monday 23rd September** - Legoland trip

**Wednesday 25th September** - Flu vaccinations

**Thursday 3rd October** - Poetry Day

**w/c Monday 7th October** - National Library Week

**Friday 11th October** - Fijian Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Talavera's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Mufti day)

**Thursday 17th October** - Talavera Treat: school cinema!  
(Selected children)

**Friday 18th October** - House event: Cross Country

**Friday 25th October** - Last day of half-term

#### ATTENDANCE:

**100%**

As you can see from our learning above, Year 4 is full to the brim and includes professional music lessons each week to learn an instrument.

For this reason, attendance throughout the year is vital. We understand that there are times when children are poorly but, as a school, we aim for attendance to be above 97%.



As you are aware, Year 4 are going to Legoland on Monday 23rd September. Thank you to those people who have already made their contribution. If you have not done so already, please ensure you have paid on Arbor to confirm your child's place on our trip. Payments are voluntary but allow us to run these events for your child.

### Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress. For this reason, we ask parents to support with the key components which underpin the foundations for children's learning. Although homework set is limited, at Talavera we have the expectation that it is completed regularly and thoroughly.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you.

### Spelling:



The first homework task consists of a weekly set of spellings which will be given on Mondays and tested on the Friday. Spellings will go home on a label and we expect children to practise these in their home spelling books.

### Times tables:



In June, your child will sit a government-marked times table test. This is taken by every child in England to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum challenges in Year 5 and 6.



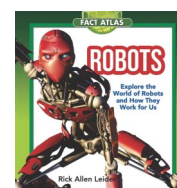
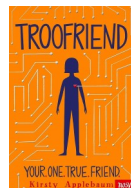
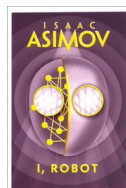
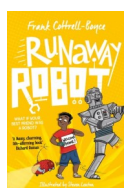
Consequently, to help prepare your child for this, we ask that you continue to practise times tables recall regularly with your children, using their flash cards and TT Rockstars.

We will be setting weekly challenges which is part of the children's weekly homework. Children will receive their log in details within the first two weeks in September.

### Reading:



Finally, our school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of their reading book, school library book or any book they enjoy reading at home; we just ask it is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult. This year, we have a whole school focus on reading for pleasure. Please remember: children are free to borrow books from our in school library or using the SORA app run by Hampshire library service that the school has paid the subscription for. On this platform, children can borrow a range of books including comics and audio books. Please also remember that it is free to sign up to Aldershot library where children can borrow additional books. Below are some books which are linked to our learning this half-term which your child may enjoy; many of these are available on SORA.



### Online Safety:

Online safety is embedded throughout our school curriculum. This half-term, your child will be developing their understanding through a series of lessons focused on being safe whilst online.

To support your child further in this area, we recommend that you speak to your child about what they have learnt and how they can apply it at home. If, as a parent, you have any questions or queries about how to keep your child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact the school who can offer additional support and advice. Furthermore, there are some great resources available at <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/>.

### Online Safety at home

We know that it can be difficult to keep up with the most recent trends online and how to protect children. We try to share the most up-to-date information that we have as schools. However, some key tips can form the foundation of keeping your child safe online:

- \*Check your child's devices to monitor their usage
- \*Limit screen time, particularly before bed
- \*Talk regularly and openly about being safe
- \*Hold your child to account for their language



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### Physical Education:

P.E. is a vital part of our curriculum, a government requirement and a subject our children enjoy. However, to ensure children are able to fully participate, it is vital that children remember their PE kit. Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school **every day**. Children should bring their kit in on Mondays and take them home to be washed on Fridays. Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 3.

<u>Indian Elephants</u>	<u>Bengal Tigers</u>	<u>Mountain Gorillas</u>	<u>Giant Pandas</u>
Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)	Thursday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Wednesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)

### Talavera Smart uniform reminders:



At Talavera, we continue to have high expectations for school uniform. Please ensure your child is following the correct dress code in line with our uniform policy.

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings **which must be studs**. These must be removed or covered with tape provided on PE days.
- Children should be wearing black school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. **Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted.**
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A red cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. **Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy.**
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.
- For PE, your child should have either the Talavera PE top or a red/ white plain t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and suitable trainers.



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Webb or the office as we will do all we can to support you. **Please remember second hand uniform is available all year round on request from reception. We will also continue to accept and be grateful for any donations of school uniform all year round at reception including shoes and trainers.**

## **Learning Support Assistant & Midday Supervisory Assistant**

Closing date: 1st October 2024 Noon

Contract/Hours: Fixed term until July 2025, Part-time

Salary Type: Support Staff

Salary Details: LSA Grade B (FTE £23,058) MDSA Grade A (FTE22,183)

Hours of Work: LSA 25 hours per week (Mon- Fri 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20)

MDSA - 5 hours per week (Mon-Fri 12.15-13.15)

Location of Role: Talavera Junior School

Contact e-mail address: office@talaverajunior.co.uk

### **Job/Person Summary**

Do you want to make a real difference?

We are looking for a learning support assistant to work for five mornings a week in Year 5 cohort, hours to be worked are 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20 and then to cover 12.15 - 1.15 as a midday supervisor.

Your responsibilities will include supporting learning in core subjects and intervention when children have not grasped a concept.

For further information please contact the school. You may also be asked to assist other adults in the class with the preparation of resources and general classroom duties.

We are looking for someone who:

- has high expectations of all children
- is able to use their own initiative and be proactive
- is able to communicate well with others
- is a good team player
- has excellent subject knowledge in English and Maths and at least a Grade C or equivalent in both subjects
- We can offer you delightful children who are enthusiastic to learn and determined to do their best. We are an outstanding school with a supportive and friendly team.

Come and visit us and see what we have to offer.

### **Application Procedure**

For further information or an application form please call the office on 01252 322156; visits are warmly welcomed.

Application forms along with lots of information about our school can be found on the school website [www.talaverajunior.co.uk](http://www.talaverajunior.co.uk).

### **Safer Recruitment**

Talavera Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

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