



Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1 - Robots Assemble

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 25th 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 and, in Computing, they will develop their coding skills.

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Stimulus - Legoland Robotics Workshop</p> <p>English: The Lost Thing</p> <p>Class Reader: The Wild Robot</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science - Electricity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Computing - Scratch (Coding)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music - Listen 2 Me music (African percussion or violins)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DT - Scuttle bugs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">French - Welcome to Morocco</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE - Cross country and fitness/ Tag rugby</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art - Robots and Doughnuts (Eric Joyner)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PSHE - Facing Emotions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RE - Christian messages</p>
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KEY DATES:

- Monday 4th September** - First day back
- Thursday 7th September** - Mental Wellbeing Champions assembly
- W/C 18th September** - Aspiration week
- Friday 22nd September** - Azaylia Foundation Fundraiser
- Monday 25th September** - Legoland trip
- Friday 6th October** - Tug of War House competition
- Wednesday 11th October** - Year 4 IEP drop-ins
- Friday 13th October** - Fijian day
- Monday 16th October** - Macmillan Cake Sale
- Wednesday 18th October** - Talavera treat (selected children)
- Friday 20th October** - Whole school Cross Country event
- Friday 20th 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 25th September. Thank you to those people who have already made their contribution. If you have not done so already, please ensure you have given consent on Arbor. Another letter will be sent out shortly with further information.

Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress.

In Year 4, homework consists of a weekly set of mathematics questions (set in a homework book) which reflect the work being completed in class and aim to improve your child's fluency. This will be sent home on a Monday and due in the following Monday where it will be marked in class.

In addition to this, children will be set a series of tasks linked to their in-school learning which will need to be completed throughout the half-term. There will be one activity per week which may link to any of their lessons, including Geography or Science.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label. These will then be tested each Friday.

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.

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.



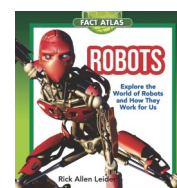
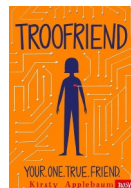
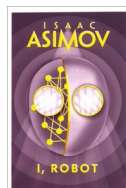
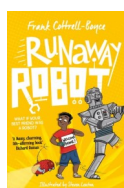
Consequently, we ask that you continue to practise times tables recall regularly with your children, using their flash cards and TT Rockstars. This year, we will be setting class competitions on TT Rockstars so please watch out for these. Their login for this can be found in their maths homework book. We will also be running a times table workshop for parents after half-term to introduce a range of games which can be used to support their times table recall.

Reading:

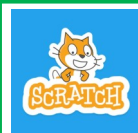


Finally, our school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of their reading book, school library book or any book they enjoy reading at home; we just ask it is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

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.

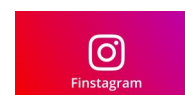


Coding:



During our Computing lessons and workshop at Legoland, children will be learning how to use coding platforms to create a range of outcomes. Scratch is free to use online at home so, if you have access to the internet, let your child have additional time to explore.

You will know that to use Instagram your child should be 13 years old. However, we know that some of you may have decided that your child can use it with your supervision. If this is the case, please be aware of children having a "Finstagram". This is a fake Instagram account which can be used to hide from parents/ carers. When you're checking your child's phone to make sure they're safe, open Instagram, tap their profile photo and then their name at the top of the screen. Any other accounts they're signed in to will appear. Please be aware that there have been reports of children sharing Finsta accounts.





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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**. All Year 4 classes have PE on **Wednesday and Thursday** each week.

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.**