



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, a drama workshop and hands-on learning experiences that we cannot wait to share with you. As you know our first trip is to Legoland on **Tuesday 20th 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 learn how to program mini computers.

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 - Lego WeDo (Coding)

Music - Listen 2 Me music
(African percussion)

DT - Scuttle bugs

French - Welcome to Morocco

Indoor PE - Gymnastics
Outdoor PE - Netball
Art - Robots and Doughnuts
(Eric Joyner)
PSHE - Facing Emotions
RE - Christian messages

KEY DATES:

Monday 5th September - First day back
W/C Monday 5th September - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly
Tuesday 20th September - Legoland trip
Wednesday 28th September - Lower School Parent spelling workshop (Invite only)
Friday 7th October - House event (Tug of War)
Monday 10th October - Fijian Day
Wednesday 12th October - Times table parent workshop 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday 13th October - Times table parent workshop 6:00-6:45pm
Friday 14th October - Parents vs Kids rugby
Tuesday 18th October - DT day (£2 contribution for built toy)
Friday 21st October - Last day of half-term
Thursday 3rd November - Lower School Parent reading workshop (Invite only)

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 Mathematics (online - My Maths) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

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.



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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**. Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 4.

<u>Spider Monkeys</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Axolotls</u>
Tuesday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)	Wednesday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)	Wednesday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)

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Please see below the reminder of school uniform expectations which was previously sent out in July. Upon your child starting, please ensure all uniform and PE kit is named to avoid lost items!

PE kit



Here is an example of our indoor PE uniform.

For outdoor PE, in cold weather, children can wear red or black jumpers. They can also wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Please make sure that your child has socks and trainers as part of their outdoor PE kit too.

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Please see the photo of our school uniform.

Red school jumper, branded from Edgar Jerome.

White polo shirt

Black skirt, shorts or trousers

Please note: leggings are not school uniform.



School shoes

Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.

