

Talbot Primary School

Upper Key Stage 2 Phase



Welcome to the Upper Key Stage 2 Phase! In Year 5 and 6, the children enjoy an inspiring, engaging curriculum that challenges and motivates. The children build upon their successes in Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2, taking responsibility for their own learning, and enjoying being the eldest children in school!

Mr Middleton, Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader

Staffing

Year 5

Miss Wilford (5VW)

Mr Middleton (5JM)

Year 6

Mrs Alpar (6SA)

Miss MacDonald (6IM)

Mrs Rehman (Year 6 Maths)

Mr Rivers (Year 6 English)

Communication

The teachers will be on the playground before and after school should you need to catch them with any brief messages. In addition, you can get in touch via email, through the school office or by arranging a meeting. The school website is also a good place to find information.

Most enquiries can be dealt with quickly and easily but if there is something you wish to discuss in greater depth then please contact Mr Middleton as Phase Leader in the first instance and he will endeavour to help.

Growth Mindsets, Talk Matters and Metacognition

We believe that having a Growth Mindset is instrumental to the success of our children. In Year 5 & 6, we want our children to challenge themselves and show the resilience required to perform activities to the best of their abilities.

Another important strategy is Talk Matters. The children are taught the importance of skilled speaking and active listening and are actively encouraged to participate in class.

This year we will be introducing the idea of Metacognition to the children which builds upon Growth Mindsets, Talk Matters and Read Aloud, Think Aloud. It enables the children to verbalise their thinking processes and to be able to understand that we all use different strategies to reach our ideas.

How to Help at Home

We appreciate your help at home as we know that this has a positive impact on the progress of the children.

In maths each week, there will be a piece of maths homework linked to the children's learning in class this will be consolidation of known facts such as times tables, calculation skills or general maths fluency e.g. practising of number bonds, column addition or telling the time. This means that all pupils will have the knowledge and skills needed to complete the homework, and will not be required to complete tasks which contain any 'new learning'. As SATs approach in Year 6, the effect of working with your children as they revise will also really benefit them.

We hope that through Learning Logs the children will develop a love of learning. The Learning Logs aim to be a mixture of English based writing tasks, creative tasks and research projects linked to our Creative Curriculum topics. Some of the tasks can be completed by children on their own, with some also encouraging collaboration with you.

Reading at home is hugely important and supports the children in all areas of their learning. All children will have reading records which they will bring home each day. This will ensure children read a range of texts. The class teacher will check these books weekly to monitor what the children are reading. Reading a variety of text types is key as the children progress through school.

If you are looking for other ways to help your child there are a number of excellent websites which you can access. These include, DB Primary, Purple Mash, Bug Club and other external sites such as iXL and Nrich. These sites will really help your children when the time comes to revise. Year 6 parents can receive further information at the SATs briefing in January.



Creative Curriculum

The Creative Curriculum is a way of teaching a number of different subject skills linked to a specific topic. For example, subjects such as Computing, History, Geography, Art and DT lend themselves perfectly to learning about a particular topic such as World War 2 in Year 6 and Space in Year 5. Our Creative Curriculum topics are designed to inspire the children to take an interest in their own learning and encourages them to ask questions and share their love of learning with their peers. Other opportunities such as school trips, workshops and home learning help to create a buzz around school.

Year 5

During Year 5 the children will learn about the following:

Mountains and Rivers

Do mountains grow as they age?

Ancient Islamic Civilisation

What makes us civilised?

Ancient Greece

What would your Ancient Olympic event be?

Year 6

During Year 6 the children will learn about the following:

Geography of Brazil

Do Brazilian children have more fun?

World War II

Would you survive the Battle of Britain?

What would it have been like to live through the war?

Indus Valley Civilisation

Would you move to the first cities?

Locality

How has Roundhay Park changed?

Creative Curriculum Showcases, Workshops and Trips

At regular intervals in the year, we would like to invite you into school to share some of the exciting work we have been doing. Come and join us for some of the following Creative Curriculum Showcases!

Year 5

Mountains and Rivers Art Gallery.

Visit our House of Wisdom.

Year Five Ancient Greek Day.

Year 6

Join in our WWII cooking.

Watch our Steel Pans performance!

Watch the end of year production.

School trips and workshops are diverse and celebrate the diversity of the curriculum. Our residential at Low Mill is one of the highlights of your children's time at Talbot and Year 5 will experience this in September. As well as this Year 5 get to see space during the planetarium experience. Year 6 visit Eden Camp to help them understand what life was like during World War 2, the Playhouse to see the production of 'Wizard of Oz' and Leeds City Library to see how Roundhay has changed. Many exciting opportunities await during Upper Key Stage 2!

