



Talbot Primary School

Lower Key Stage 2 Phase



Welcome to the Lower Key Stage 2 Phase! In Year 3 and 4, the children enjoy an inspiring, engaging curriculum that challenges and motivates. The children build upon their successes in KS1, take greater responsibility for their own learning, and enjoy many new and exciting opportunities!

Mr Youdan, LKS2 Phase Leader

Staffing

Year 3

Mrs Loudon (3VL)

Miss Morris (3PM)

Miss Marsden (3KM)

Year 4

Mr Youdan (4TY)

Miss Gilbert (4TY)

Miss Ward (4KW)

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 Youdan 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. We encourage them to take risks with their learning and to develop resilience and perseverance as well as becoming more focused and independent. In all areas of their learning, we offer them the opportunity to challenge themselves. 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 enables them to demonstrate their understanding, ask questions, listen carefully to their peers and make informed points in discussions. This year we are introducing metacognition. Watch this space for more information about what this is and how it will further enhance the children's learning.

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, this can be done through the learning of times tables and other quick recall facts which help develop fluency. Practising little and often is key to this as well as spotting opportunities in real life situations such as telling the time and calculating money. Each week there will be a piece of maths homework linked to the children's learning in class. This means that all pupils will have the knowledge and skills needed to complete the homework, and should-will not be required to complete tasks, which contain any 'new learning'. The learning of times tables remains a key skill and regular practice helps to embed these.

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 their Creative Curriculum topic. Ideally, we would love parents to help their children as we know the children respond well to this. Just as importantly, this also presents an opportunity for the children to become independent learners and share their successes with their peers.

Reading at home is hugely important and supports the children in all areas of their learning. All children will have reading a records which they will bring home each day. The class teacher will check these books regularly 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.



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 the Romans. 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 3

Some of the questions we investigate include: -

Stone Age/Iron Age

The Croods: Fact or Fiction? What came next?

Europe

Why is Italy good place for a holiday?

The Romans

Would you like to be a Roman?

Year 4

Some of the questions we investigate include: -

Volcanoes and Iceland

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Why are there no volcanoes in Leeds?

Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Where would your tribe choose to settle?

Were the Vikings as fierce as their reputations?

The Victorians

Did the Victorians make life better or worse?

Why is there no such thing as a happy Victorian?

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 3

Cave painting (15.10.19)

Watch our pizza adverts (21.4.20)

Visit our Roman Museum (8.7.20)

Year 4

Volcanic eruptions/earthquake proof houses (4.12.19)

Watch our Vikings animation (27.3.20)

Celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee (26.6.20)

School trips and workshops are often linked to the Creative Curriculum. In Year 3, we visit York to learn about the Romans, enjoy a Stone Age workshop, and explore our local area. Year 4 visit Roundhay Park to look for good places to build Anglo Saxon settlements, visit the Victorian schoolroom at Armley and are visited by Vikings!

Overall, many exciting opportunities await the children in Lower Key Stage 2!

