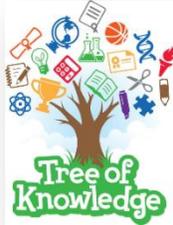


Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 9th February, 2018



A Broad, Balanced Curriculum At Talbot

Whilst national agendas in relation to the curriculum, will no doubt continue to ebb and flow, our commitment to a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum remains resolute. Amanda Speilman, Ofsted's Chief Inspector, has very much emphasised how it is the duty of good schools to ensure that the curriculum remains broad, thereby ensuring that children receive the wealth of knowledge required to support them into the future.

As a school, we constantly aim to strike this balance between progress measures and the broader curriculum. In the past few weeks alone, not only have we seen Reception Year 'dress-up' days inspire our writing, but also Year One celebrated all things Australian, Year Four tried out their Viking survival skills and Year Six fitted in a busy week of Bikeability training into their schedule. As you can see life is never dull at Talbot Primary! Please do see the Year Groups page of the school website for more details at: www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk. Alternatively, just [click here](#).

Can You Help?

As a community school, we recognise all faiths and backgrounds, which make our school so special. However, Governors recognise that we also have a duty to acknowledge and understand that some of our parents and carers do not follow any particular faith or beliefs. If you feel you would be able to come into school and talk with the children in an assembly about being agnostic, in the same way that we discuss the major religious faiths, we would very much like to hear from you. Please do get in touch with Mrs Gill via the school office or alternatively via the school admin address: admin@talbotprimary.net

Our Online Safety Week culminated on Thursday 8th February with Safer Internet Day. This year, the national campaign has emphasised encouraging everyone to play their part in building a better internet, with the slogan '**Create, Connect and Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts With You!**' Our programme of class and whole school assemblies, combined with direct teaching in computing lessons this week, has revisited safe online practices and key messages regarding protecting identity online. Each child has also been asked to pledge to do something positive online and in turn contribute to a striking new display in the IT Suite. If you would like any additional guidance on online safety, please do see the school website for suitable material recently shared at the Online Safety briefing for parents.

You will have received a letter this week outlining our aim to become a **nut-free school**. We have 30 children across the school who have allergies to nuts and nut-based products. For many of these children severe reactions can be triggered by touch or even air-borne contact with nut-based products. Whilst there is an emphasis in school on using alternatives to nut-based products in school meals or baking activities, we recognise that nuts and nut-based products do feature in some packed lunches and some baked goods brought into school by the children. In light of the number of children who are potentially at risk of suffering a reaction, the school is now aiming to be as nut-free as possible. As a result, we request that you do not send food that contains nuts into school: this includes peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate treats containing nuts and any baked goods brought into school as part of any birthday celebrations or Learning Log homework. Notes will go out in Learning Logs to remind that no nut-based products should be used in Learning Log baking tasks. A copy of the Nut Allergy Awareness Policy is available on the school website for reference, however we fundamentally appreciate your support in helping the school to be nut-free.

Mrs Liddington is busy finalising plans for our forthcoming 'Big Read' Week, commencing on Monday 26th February and encompassing World Book Day on Friday 2nd March. Watch this space for more details after the half-term break.

I would like to end this newsletter by thanking you for your ongoing support in ensuring children are dressed in the appropriate school uniform. Please could I emphasise that this includes children wearing grey, black or white socks or tights. Recently, we have seen a number of children wearing odd socks or colourful combinations outside of the uniform policy. We appreciate your support in ensuring there is consistency and fairness for all children.

I hope you enjoy the half-term break and look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 19th February**.

Regards,

Mrs Parm Gill
Headteacher