Talk of the Town

## Parent Newsletter

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## What is Talk of the Town? A reminder...



Talk of the Town is a national research project taking place in your child's school until July 2015. Talk of the Town helps children with talking, listening and learning new words.

Last term the focus in schools was to learn new words.
Learning new words is really important to help children with their talking and reading.

## Word Magic

Here's a really simple activity to help your child with learning new words.

choose a word to focus on. You could use any object from your house (e.g. a light bulb or clock), to teach your child new every-day words.



Talk about the object with your child, rolling the dice to give you ideas.

To make your dice:

- cut out the template along the edges
- fold along the dotted lines to make the shape
- use glue to stick it together

To take it further... ask your child what else they know about the object. Use the word every day to help your child remember your game and the new words they have learnt!

For more games and activities to help with learning new words, just ask your child's class teacher

## How does it feel?

Where does it come from?

What colour is it?

What is it used for?

Where might we keep it?

Have you seen this before?

