



Talavera Junior School

Pangolins

Spring 1 — Our World

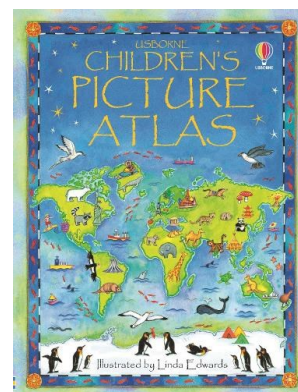
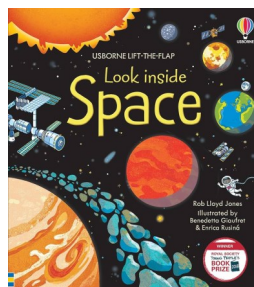


Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a well-deserved break and we send you best wishes for the new year!

This half-term, our topic is 'Our World'. To support our learning, we will be using 'Look inside Space', 'Here we are' and 'The Atlas'.

This half-term, we will be exploring the world around us and what and who makes our world.

To end our unit this half-term, we will be going on a trip to Marwell Zoo. During our trip, we will explore the different animals and where they originate from.



KEY DATES

Monday 5th January: INSET day

Tuesday 6th January: Children begin back at school

Week commencing 12th January: Extra-curricular clubs and boosters begin

Week commencing 12th January: Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 3rd February: Talavera Treat (selected children only)

Week commencing 9th February: Parent IEP drop ins (times to be booked with class teachers)

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February: Marwell Zoo trip

Friday 13th February: Parents Vs Kids Rugby (sign up required)

W/C 16th February: Half-term



Reading:



In Pangolins, we do not send home specific reading books other than the books your child has selected from the school library. We do, however, ask that you encourage and engage with reading at home with your child as often as possible whether this be at night time before they go to bed, when reading a recipe in the kitchen or even reading the bus timetable when you are off on an adventure. This year, we have a whole school focus on oracy and encouraging your child to share what they are reading. Please remember: children are free to borrow books from our in-school library or using the SORA app run by Hampshire library service that the school has paid the subscription for. On this platform, children can borrow a range of books including comics and audio books. Please also remember that it is free to sign up to Aldershot library where children can borrow additional books. Below are some books which are linked to our learning this half-term which your child may enjoy; many of these are available on SORA. In order to take books out from our school library regularly, it is important that your child remembers to bring back their book each week to either swap or renew it.

Online Safety:

Some of your children may have received a device of some kind for Christmas. This can lead to fun and excitement but please remember the following three points:

Devices can significantly disrupt sleep patterns. Devices should be turned off **at least an hour** before the bedtime routine begins to allow children's brains to unwind.

Children are vulnerable to forming unhealthy relationships when playing in collaborative modes. Please ensure your child understands that they must never move to a private chat or to a different app with someone they don't know.

Games and platforms have a clear given age-rating. These are provided to keep children safe and to protect their mental wellbeing. We therefore ask, as parents and caregivers, that you are monitoring the games your children have access to ensuring it is suitable for their age.

As a school, we are always happy to offer assistance and advice on device usage and the importance of parental controls.

On Tuesday 10th February, children throughout the school will be participating in the Safer Internet Day. We encourage you to ask your children about what they have learnt and the impact it will have on their online usage and behaviour.

UNIFORM

At Talavera, we continue to have high expectations for school uniform. Please ensure your child is following the correct dress code in line with our uniform policy.

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings **which must be studs**. These **must be removed or covered with tape provided on PE days**.
- Children should be wearing black school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. **Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted**.
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A red cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. **Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy**.
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes (not trainers).



Also, a reminder that as a school we do offer access to second-hand uniform. This is available throughout the year on request at the office.

This has been such a valuable resource for many families. However, to keep it a success we need donations. Donations of unneeded or outgrown uniform can be brought into the office or given to Miss Coombs at any point in the year. Please also remember if you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform including providing adequate coats and/or shoes that you speak to your child's class teacher or a member of office staff. We will always do what we can to help.



NANA

NANA is the Nepalese Additional Needs Awareness (NANA) charity. Their aim is to remove cultural and language barriers that obstruct education and support of children with additional needs within the Nepali community in Rushmoor and surrounding areas. They aim to do this through raising awareness, engaging with schools, providing information and training opportunities.

The charity provides support for families and children who have Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

If you would like to contact the charity, please use the email provided nana.org2023@gmail.com

They can also be found on Facebook.