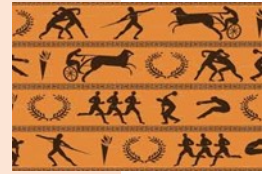




Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1 - Ancient Greece



Happy New Year

The Year 4 team have been truly amazed by the progress our children have made since September. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank, again, the parents who came to our times table workshop - we are really noticing a difference in their times table recall. Please continue to regularly practise times tables with your children in preparation for the government test in June.

This half term, we will continue to explore the Ancient Greeks within our history lessons. However, this will now focus more on the geographical side of the Ancient Greeks' and their position in history. We will also have a focus on healthy living and eating this half term. Within Science and PSHE, we will explore what makes a healthy diet as well as finding out about how to keep our teeth clean and how we digest our food. In addition to this, children will also spend their French sessions learning the names of body parts in French.

Finally, we will have a Roman day on Monday 30th January. Due to the changing curriculum, this will enable Year 4s to learn about the Roman era before learning about the Saxons and Scots next half-term.

English:

War of the Worlds, Greek myths and legends and the Jabberwocky



Class Reader:

War of the Worlds, Alice in Wonderland picture books, a range of poetry and a range of non-fiction Ancient Greek books



Stimulus: Roman Day including Bigfoot Drama workshop

History: Ancient Greeks and their legacy/ Summary of Roman impact on Britain

Science: Teeth and Digestion

Computing: Adventure Quest (Using powerpoint)

Music: Listen 2 Me music (Brass instruments)

French: Body Parts

Indoor PE: Dance

Outdoor PE: Netball/ Cross country

PSHE: Healthy Living

RE: Good and Evil (The Buddhist faith)

Art: Keith Haring/ Sculptures

DT: Healthy eating cous cous dish

KEY DATES:

W/C 9th January: Extra curricular clubs begin

Friday 13th January: Talavera's got Talent

W/C 16th January: Readathon week

Wednesday 18th January: Parent workshop - place value (invite only)

W/C 23rd January: Resilience week

Thursday 26th January: Bronze, Silver, Gold awards assembly

Friday 27th January: House Cross Country competition

Monday 30th January: Roman day (no dress up)

Friday 3rd February: Nepali day

W/C 6th February: Online safety week

Wednesday 8th February: Talavera treat

Friday 10th February: Dads Vs Kids Rugby

Friday 10th February: Last day of half-term

Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress.

In Year 4, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics (online - My Maths) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label.

We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars. Some children in the Year group also have access to Numberbots which helps develop their core number skills.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

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Physical Education:

P.E. is a vital part of our curriculum, a government requirement and a subject our children enjoy. However, to ensure children are able to fully participate, it is vital that children remember their PE kit. This should consist of black shorts, (black jogging bottoms or running tights for winter months) and a red t-shirt (or plain white). PE kits must also contain trainers.

Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school every day.

Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 4.

Please note ALL Year 4 classes now have PE on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY



Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

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 earring **which must be studs**. These must be removed or 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. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Webb or the office and the school will assist you.