



Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2 - Saxons and Scots

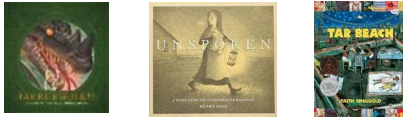


Year 4 have had a fantastic first half of the year and are beginning to show some fantastic progress. This half-term we will be introducing a new History unit to Year 4 called Saxons and Scots. The aim of this unit is to explore the different invaders who came to Britain following in the Roman Era. We will look at the influences they had on Britain with a particular focus on place names.

Also as part of our English this half-term we will be exploring books linked to black history. We will begin by looking at the book 'The Unspoken' for our whole school writing unit. This book will teach the children about the Underground Railroad and therefore, may raise some questions regarding race and the slave trade. We will then be exploring a book called Tar beach which further explores black history. We will be teaching the topic very sensitively but please be aware that your children may wish to discuss this further with you. If you would like any support with this, please let us know

English:

Jabberwocky, Unspoken and Tar beach



Class Reader:

A selection of poetry based on Alice in Wonderland, Alice in Wonderland picture book and The firework Makers Daughter.



History: Saxons and Scot Settlements

Science: Plant reproduction

Computing: Networking

Music: Listen 2 Me music (Brass instruments)

French: Animals and adjectives

Indoor PE: Circuits

Outdoor PE: Tennis

PSHE: Friendship

RE: Rituals (Christianity)

Art: Sculptures

Times Tables:

This half-term will have a continued focus on times tables to ensure the children are prepared for the Summer national times table check. You will shortly be receiving a letter updating you on your child's progress and what we believe will be their predicted outcome.

We are now running some before and after school boosters for children who would benefit from extra support. If you feel your child would benefit from attending, please do discuss with your child's teacher.

Homework:

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's 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.

KEY DATES:

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Friday 10th March: Holi celebration colour run

Thursday 30th March: Year 4 Brass concert (2:20 - 3:10)

Friday 31st March: Annual reports out to parents

Friday 31st March: Year 4 Art day

Friday 31st March: Last day of term

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.
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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.