



Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 1 - Survival

Study of North America

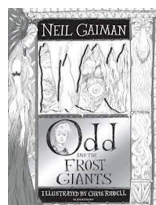
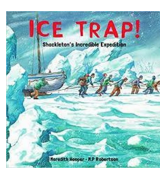


This half-term, the children will begin the first part of their Survival topic. This is a Geography-based unit where children will explore Antarctica and the distribution of its natural resources. Alongside that, they will begin to learn about Shackleton's exploration of Antarctica during his 'Endurance' mission.

To develop our own endurance, the half-term will finish with a Year 4 sleepover where both the children and teachers will take on the challenge to spend a night sleeping at school!

English:

Odd and the Frost Giants and Greta and the Giants.



Class Reader:

Ice Trap and Odd and the Frost Giants.

Geography: Study of North America

Science: Mixtures and separating them

Computing: Networking/ Using Excel

Music: Listen 2 Me music (Keyboards)

Indoor PE: Gymnastics

Outdoor PE: Cricket

PSHE: Money Sense

RE: Enlightenment (The Buddhist faith)

French: Animals and adjectives through story books

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). This half-term we will be changing the homework slightly to include a topic task rather than an English task. This will enable children to further their understanding of key concepts taught in class.

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.

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

KEY DATES:

Monday 17th April: Coronation afternoon

Friday 28th April: Sri Lankan Day whole school assembly

Week Commencing 1st May: Geography Week

Friday 19th May: Parents Vs Kids Cricket

Thursday 25th May: Race for Life

Thursday 25th May: Survival sleepover

Friday 26th May: British Values Day

Friday 26th May: New Entrant reports out

Friday 26th May: Last day of half-term

Trip - Runways End

Please be aware you will very shortly be receiving a letter regarding our end of year survival trip. Although the trip is not until July, due to its adventurous nature, much more preparation is required. Please ensure this letter is read fully as there will be specific information about medical needs, preparation and specific travel arrangements for your child.



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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.