



# Talavera Junior School

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Autumn 1 - Digging Up The Past

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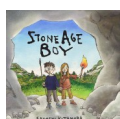
#### WELCOME TO YEAR 3

We are extremely excited to welcome you all into Year 3 and the Talavera Junior community. We hope that this will be a fantastic year. We have planned many exciting learning opportunities this year including: trips, a workshop and hands-on learning experiences that we cannot wait to share with you.

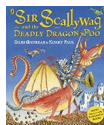
This half-term, our learning will focus on prehistoric periods of time and we will be using our Stone Age day to kickstart the children's interest. This will take place on **Friday 26th September** where the children will get to come to school dressed as a person from the Stone Age period. Throughout the day, we will participate in a range of exciting and engaging activities to launch our history topic on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages where the children will learn the similarities and differences between these periods.

Stimulus - Stone Age Workshop

English:  
Where The Wild Things Are  
Stone Age Boy



Class Reader:  
Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo  
The First Drawing  
A selection of Phonics chapter books



Science - Magnets

Computing - Desktop publishing

Art - Dragon Printing

French - We're Off To France! Greetings

RE - Courage (Christianity)

Outdoor PE - Fundamental Movements

Indoor PE - Maypole Dancing

PSHE - Keeping Safe

History—Stone, Bronze & Iron Ages

Music—Body Percussion

#### KEY DATES:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - First day of school

**W/C 15<sup>th</sup> September** - House Teams launch week

**W/C 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Clubs begin

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 3 Parent Expectations evening

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - Flu Vaccination (Parental opt in required)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Stone Age day (dress up day)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Charity Bake Sale after school

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September or Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Butser Farm trip

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Poetry Day

**W/C 6<sup>th</sup> October** - National Library Week and Aldershot Library trip

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Fijian Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent reading workshop (invite only)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Assembly (food donations welcome)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - House event: Cross country

**W/C 20<sup>th</sup> October** - IEP drop-ins for parents (invite only)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Last day before half-term

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - INSET day

#### ATTENDANCE:



As you can see from our learning above, Year 3 is full to the brim with a range of exciting learning opportunities.

For this reason, attendance throughout the year is vital. We understand that there are times when children are poorly but, as a school, we aim for attendance to be above 97%.



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#### Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress. For this reason, we ask parents to support with the key components which underpin the foundations for children's learning. Although homework set is limited, at Talavera we have the expectation that it is completed regularly and thoroughly.

Children will shortly be coming home with a homework folder which contains Spelling, Times table and Reading practice. We ask that this folder is brought into school each day so engagement and progress can be tracked.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



#### Spelling:

The first homework task consists of a weekly set of spellings which will be given on Mondays and tested the following Monday. Spellings will go home on a label and we expect children to practise these in their home spelling books.



#### Times tables:

In Year 4, your child will sit a government-marked times table test. This is taken by every child in England to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum challenges in Year 5 and 6.



Consequently, to help prepare your child for this, we ask that you continue to practise times tables recall regularly with your children, using their flash cards and TT Rockstars.

We will be setting weekly challenges which is part of the children's weekly homework. Children will receive their log in details within the first two weeks in September.



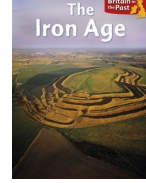
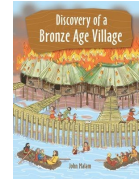
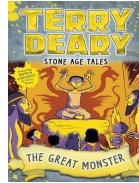
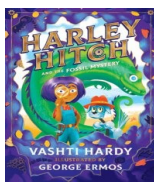
HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

#### Reading:

Finally, our school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of their reading book, school library book or any book they enjoy reading at home; we just ask it is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.



This year, we have a whole school focus on reading for pleasure. 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.





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We are increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children, in-line with many other schools in Hampshire. Acknowledging the alarming amount of evidence and research about the negative effects of smartphones and social media, we are committing to making Hampshire primary schools smartphone free.

**Please note that your child will not be permitted to have a smartphone in school, regardless of their transport home.** "Brick" phones without internet connectivity may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, we ask for your support in making the school mobile phone free in general. We had a huge and positive response from children following No Mobile May; we want to continue this opportunity to greet your child with a smile. Thank you for your support in this.



#### Online Safety in school:

Each half term, Year 3 will have an Online Safety lesson. This half-term, we will be learning about digital citizenship and how to use digital devices safely online.

#### Online Safety at home

We know that it can be difficult to keep up with the most recent trends online and how to protect children. We try to share the most up-to-date information that we have as schools. However, some key tips can form the foundation of keeping your child safe online:

- \*Check your child's devices to monitor their usage
- \*Limit screen time, particularly before bed
- \*Talk regularly and openly about being safe
- \*Hold your child to account for their language

#### Morning Snack and Packed Lunches

We recommend that your child has a mid-morning snack at break time to ensure they can learn effectively. Without this, children's energy levels can drop noticeably, resulting in reduced concentration.

In line with our healthy school policy, this snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable. Cereal bars (that do not contain yogurt or chocolate coating) and healthy oat-based snacks are also allowed. **These snacks and packed lunches must not contain nuts.**

Packed lunches must also be healthy. If you are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### Physical Education:

Class	Indoor PE day	Outdoor PE day
Axolotls	Tuesday	Friday
Blue Whales	Monday	Tuesday
Emperor Penguins	Monday	Tuesday
Green Turtles	Monday	Tuesday
Polar Bears	Tuesday	Friday

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.

Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school **every day**. Children should bring their kit in on Mondays and take them home to be washed on Fridays.





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#### Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Talavera Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day.

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. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.
- For PE, your child should have either the Talavera PE top or a red/ white plain t-shirt, black shorts



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Harman-Box or the office as we will do all we can to support you. **Please remember: second hand uniform is available all year round on request from reception. We will also continue to accept and be grateful for any donations of school uniform all year round at reception including shoes and trainers.**



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#### School Lunches

Your child will have the option of ordering a school dinner or bringing in a healthy pack lunch. Payments for school dinners will now need to be made on your child's Arbor account which will be set up shortly after your child's first day.

If you wish to explore the menu on offer, please scan the QR code which will direct you to the Hampshire website.



#### Are you eligible?

**Now your child is in Year 3, they will no longer automatically receive Free School Dinners.**

Please see the list below for eligibility. If you feel that you may be entitled, please scan the link below and complete the application form.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:



- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



#### Payments, Permissions and Clubs

A final reminder to ensure you have checked that your Arbor account is working and all details on your child's account are up-to-date.

In the next few days, your child's account will become live. It is here that you will be able to pay for school dinner, trips and extra curricular activities (except for afterschool club which is run by an external business).



If you have any issues or questions regarding your child's Arbor account, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff at the office.

Arbor is our main source of communications and will be where all letters will be sent out through.