



# Talavera Junior School

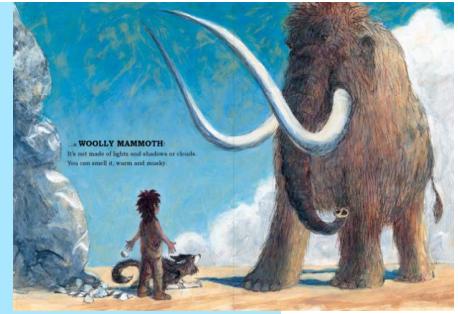
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#### WELCOME TO YEAR 3

We are extremely excited to welcome you all into Year 3 and 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. Our first workshop this year is linked to the Stone Age and it will take place at Talavera Junior School on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

In addition to this, our English lessons for the next term will be based on texts that include a prehistoric theme. In computing, your children will learn how to program a range of software using coding. Many children find this topic particularly fascinating and we welcome any additional home learning that the children may wish to share with us.

Our first school trip will be in **Autumn 2** to **Butser Ancient Farm (Thursday 2nd November)**. Look out for a letter via Arbor later this half term which gives you more details regarding this trip.

#### 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  
Pet Dragon  
The Stone Age



Science - Rocks and Soils

Computing - Scratch (coding)

Art - Dragon Printing

French - We're Off To France! Greetings.

Outdoor PE - Cross Country & Fitness

Outdoor PE - Tag Rugby

PSHE - Keeping Safe

History—Stone, Bronze & Iron Ages

#### KEY DATES:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - First day back

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Mental Wellbeing Champions assembly

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Stone Age Day (workshop)

**W/C 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Aspiration week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - Azaylia Foundation Fundraiser

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Tug of War House competition

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 3 IEP drop-ins

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Macmillan Cake Sale

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Talavera Treat (selected children)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Whole school Cross-Country event

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** — INSET Day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** — First day back (Autumn 2)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**— Butser Ancient Farm Trip

#### ATTENDANCE:

**100%**

As you can see from our learning above, Year 3 is full to the brim and includes professional music lessons each week to learn an instrument.

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%.

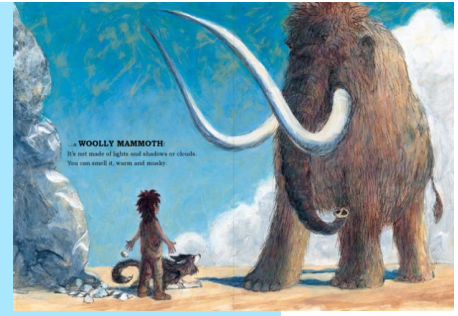


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#### Homework:



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



In Year 3, homework 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.

In addition to this, children will be set a series of tasks linked to their in-school learning which will need to be completed throughout the half-term. There will be one activity per week which may link to any of their lessons, including geography or science. This needs to be handed in weekly by the date shown at the top of each task.

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.

Thank you.

#### 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.

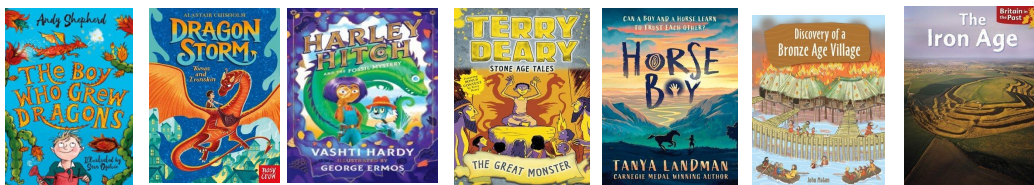
We will be setting weekly challenges which is part of the children's weekly homework. Children will receive their log in details within the first two weeks in September.

#### 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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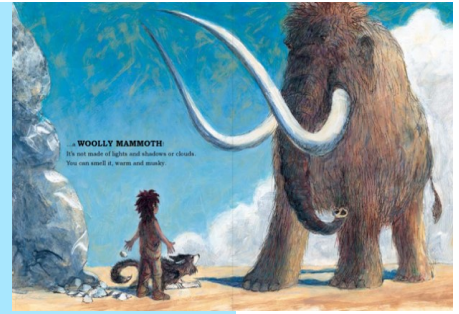
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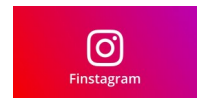
#### Online Safety and Coding:

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. During our computing lessons, children will be learning how to use coding platforms to create a range of outcomes. Scratch is free to use online at home so, if you have access to the internet, let your child have additional time to explore.



You will know that to use Instagram your child should be 13 years old. However, we know that some of you may have decided that your child can use it with your supervision. If this is the case, please be aware of children having a "Finstagram".

This is a fake Instagram account which can be used to hide from parents/ carers. When you're checking your child's phone to make sure they're safe, open Instagram, tap their profile photo and then their name at the top of the screen. Any other accounts they're signed in to will appear. Please be aware that there have been reports of children sharing Finsta accounts.



#### Coats

Please ensure your child has a coat—the weather can be unpredictable! All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps your child to quickly identify their belongings and take responsibility for looking after them.



#### 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 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.**

The children can buy a healthy snack at break time if you prefer. Packed lunches must also be healthy. If you are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### 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.

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. Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 3.

<u>Axolotls</u>	<u>Blue Whales</u>	<u>Emperor Penguins</u>	<u>Green Turtles</u>
Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)	Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)	Monday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)	Monday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)

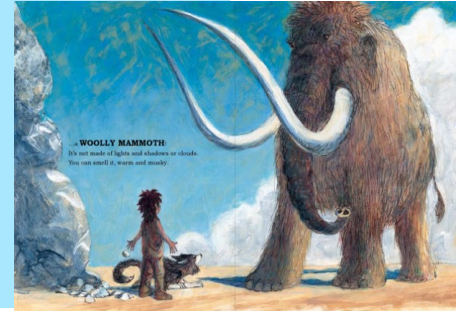


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#### Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

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 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 or leggings and suitable trainers.



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Webb 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.**