



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2 - World-Shaping Civilisations

(Romans)

Aspiration Integrity Resilience



Year 3 have had a fantastic first half of the year and are beginning to show some fantastic progress. This half-term, we will be starting our second history unit focussing on how civilisations are created. We will begin our topic by exploring the Ancient Roman period including their way of life and the legacy of the Roman Empire on modern Britain.

Alongside our topic, there are many exciting events happening this half-term including World Book Day and a trip to the Buddhist temple in Aldershot.

English:
Beast Quest: Epos



Class Reader:
Horrible Histories: Ancient Egyptians,
King Co: The Curse of the Mummy's
Gold



History: Ancient Romans

Science: Light and Dark

Computing: Online Safety

Music: Tuned Percussion
(Volcanoes)

French: Classroom Objects

Indoor PE: Dance

Outdoor PE: Football

PSHE: Positive
Relationships

RE: Wisdom (Buddhism)

KEY DATES:

Week Commencing 23rd February: Additional parent evenings (selected children)

Friday 27th February: Year 3 Toast tuck shop at break

Tuesday 3rd March/ Wednesday 4th March: Roman Workshop (NO DRESS UP)

Wednesday 4th March: 6pm PJs, Hot chocolate and Storytime at school

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (Dress-up as a word)

Monday 9th March: Year 3 trip to the Buddhist Temple

Thursday 19th March: Talavera Treat (selected children)

Tuesday 24th March: Annual reports to parents

Thursday 26th March: Non-uniform day and ice pop sale

Friday 27th March: INSET DAY

Monday 13th April: First day of Summer term

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.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label in their pink books.

We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

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.



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Upcoming topic day:

Ancient Romans

As part of our upcoming topic, children will be participating in a workshop run by Portals to the Past. The day will provide children the opportunity to travel back in time and experience life during the Ancient Roman period. Children will participate in a range of activities and have the opportunity to handle a range of artefacts before the day ends with their very own gladiator show where the children have all the important roles from the Emperor down to the slaves. To cover the cost of the day, we will be asking for a contribution of £6.



Upcoming topic day:

Ancient Egypt

On Friday 17th April, Year 3 will be launching this Ancient Egyptian topic with a Dress up and hook day.

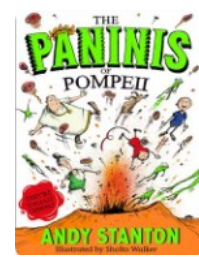
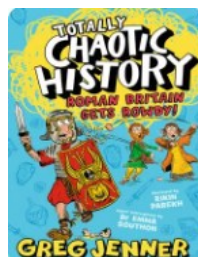
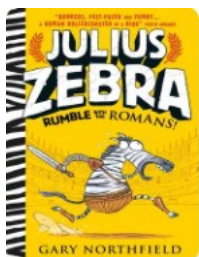
On this date, we encourage children to dress up in Ancient Egyptian costume. Children will then participate in a full day of hands-on activities to help children develop their understanding of this period in history.



Reading

A polite reminder that your child should be reading at home at least 3 times a week and at least once a week to an adult. This is vital to support your child with their speed and fluency in turn preparing them for more challenging comprehension work in class. Please also ensure this is recorded in their diary so that the school can keep track of their progress. Aside from reading their school reading or library book, they can also record any other book they have read. SORA is an excellent resource that the children are already signed up to. If you cannot find your child's login, please ask their class teacher.

These are just a few of the books on SORA linked to our new topic for children to enjoy. Simply type 'Romans' into the search bar and a wide selection of texts will appear.



Online Safety



Google Family Link Guide
Controls & settings guide

As a school, we understand the challenges facing parents in regards to ensuring your child remains safe online.

The most important way of safeguarding your child online is through open and honest dialogue with your child regarding their internet usage.

In addition to this, family link provide a free platform for parents to manage app access, set parental controls and oversee their children screen time and online usage. Use the link or QR code to develop your understanding of how it works and how to set it up.

https://www.internetmatters.org/?generate_pdf=1&page=google-family-link&post_id=5653





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Physical Education:

Class	Indoor PE day	Outdoor PE day
Axolotls	Tuesday	Friday
Blue Whales	Tuesday	Friday
Emperor Penguins	Tuesday	Friday
Green Turtles	Tuesday	Friday
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 crucial 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**. Due to the time of year, children may also wear plain running leggings/ joggers and a plain hoodie/ sweatshirt when outside.

UNIFORM

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 (not trainers).



Also, a reminder that as a school we do offer access to second-hand uniform. This is available throughout the year on request at the office.

This has been such a valuable resource for many families. However, to keep it a success we need donations. Donations of unneeded or outgrown uniform can be brought into the office or given to Miss Coombs at any point in the year. Please also remember if you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform including providing adequate coats and/or shoes that you speak to your child's class teacher or a member of office staff. We will always do what we can to help.