



Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2 - Ancient Greece



A Great Start to Year 4

We are so very proud of the way the children have returned to school. They have all worked extremely hard during the first half-term and demonstrated a real passion for learning ensuring that every learning minute counted. This half-term is another very busy one that includes both exciting learning opportunities and some Christmas treats too.

This half-term, we will begin our topic of exploring the Ancient Greeks. This history unit will continue into Spring 1 to give the children a greater opportunity to learn about the influences of the Ancient Greeks including the legacy they left behind in regards to the Olympic Games.

<p>English: The Lost Thing, Flanimals and War of the Worlds</p> <p>Class Reader: The Wild Robot and War of the Worlds</p> 	<p>Stimulus - Ancient Greek Day</p> <p>History: Ancient Greeks and their legacy</p> <p>Science - Living things</p> <p>Computing - Online Safety</p> <p>Music - Listen 2 Me music (African percussion)</p>	<p>Indoor PE - Ball skills</p> <p>Outdoor PE - Netball</p> <p>PSHE - Our Proud Army</p> <p>RE - Waiting (Christianity)</p> <p>French - Animals</p>
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Online safety:

Online safety is embedded throughout our school curriculum due to its importance in the ever-changing world. This half term your child will be developing their understanding through a series of lesson focused on the following areas of internet safety:

- Understand online restrictions and how they keep us safe.
- Understand what makes a good online citizen.
- Understand what cyberbullying/ peer-on-peer abuse is and how to respond appropriately.
- Understand how to keep safe when talking to others online.
- Understand how to share information appropriately online.

To support your child further in this area, we recommend that you speak to your child about what they have learnt and how they can apply it at home. If, as a parent, you have any questions or queries about how to keep you child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact the school who can offer additional support and advice.

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. 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.

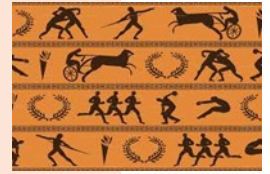
Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.
Thank you.



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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.

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 have PE on a MONDAY and THURSDAY for the rest of the year.

Times tables parent workshops:

As you are aware, children's **times table knowledge is a main focus in Year 4**. Not only do children sit a government test at the end of the year, but fluency in times table recall is vital in ensuring children are able to access the mathematical concepts taught in Year 5 and 6.

In order to support both yourselves and your children, we will shortly be **running a parent workshop on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November** to give you and your child ideas on effective ways to help develop their times table fluency at home. This workshop will be held after school (see below for dates and times) and will last approximately 40 minutes. A creche will also be running for any siblings. After attending the workshop, you will be given a variety of resources and games to take home and continue using with your child.

Into Film

On **Thursday 10th November**, we will be going to the Aldershot Cineworld to watch Minions: The rise of Gru. This is part of Into Film's annual film festival designed to encourage children to become excited about stories. There will be an **additional letter** sent via Arbor with more information about this trip.

Please note this film is rated at U.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

KEY DATES:

Thursday 3rd November - Lower School Parent reading workshop (Invite only)

Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th November - Year 4 Parent evening

Thursday 10th November - Year 4 trip to Aldershot Cineworld

Friday 11th November - School photographs

Week commencing 14th November - Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 23rd November - Year 4 Parent times table workshop 6—7pm

Thursday 24th November - Year 4 Parent times table workshop 3:30—4:30pm

Tuesday 29th November - Ancient Greek day (DRESS UP)

Thursday 8th December - Year 4 drumming parent assembly (PM)

Tuesday 13th December - Lower school Christmas lunch and jumper day

Thursday 15th December - Talavera Panto and Christmas craft afternoon

Friday 16th December - Church Service

Friday 16th December - 1:15pm finish