



Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1 - Invasion!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We hope that you have had a well-deserved break and we send you best wishes for the new year!

This half-term, our topic is **Invasion!** We will be exploring the time period of the Anglo-Saxon invasion and looking at the raids conducted by the Scots at the same time.

We will start the half-term by looking at the book **'The Iron Man'** for our writing unit, continuing to explore robots. On the first week back, we will be visited by our Anglo-Saxon workshop. During this, we will investigate what life was like for an Anglo-Saxon person.

In other subjects, we will be focusing on our health. In science, we will be exploring balanced diets before moving onto our teeth and digestion. This will be backed up by our PSHE unit, which looks at healthy eating and our DT unit which looks at creating granola bars. In French, we will be learning words around the body.

In RE, we will study the Buddhist belief around good and evil whilst in computing we will be learning about the internet and how it works.

<p>Stimulus - Anglo-Saxon workshop</p> <p>English: The Iron Man Jabberwocky</p> <p>Class Reader: The Iron Man Hampshire Non-fiction awards</p>  	<p>Science - Digestion</p> <p>Computing - The internet— Safer Internet Day</p> <p>French - The body</p> <p>History —Anglo-Saxon and Scots</p> <p>Art—Wire sculpture</p> <p>DT - Granola Bars</p>	<p>Indoor PE - Dance</p> <p>Outdoor PE - Outdoor Education</p> <p>RE: Good and Evil (Buddhism)</p> <p>PSHE - Healthy Eating</p> <p>Music—Listen 2 Me - Vocals</p>
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Year 4 KEY DATES:

Monday 5th January: INSET day

Tuesday 6th January: Children begin back at school

Wednesday 7th January: Anglo-Saxon workshop

Week commencing 12th January: Anti-bullying week

Friday 23rd January: In-school Spelling Bee

Week commencing 26th January: Selected additional parents evenings

Tuesday 3rd February: Talavera Treat

(selected children only)

Week commencing 9th February: Parent IEP drop-ins (times to be booked with class teachers)

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February: Parents Vs Kids Rugby (sign up required)



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Online Safety:

Some of your children may have received a device of some kind for Christmas. This can lead to fun and excitement but please remember the following three points:

Devices can significantly disrupt sleep patterns. Devices should be turned off **at least an hour** before the bedtime routine begins to allow children's brains to unwind.

Children are vulnerable to forming unhealthy relationships when playing in collaborative modes. Please ensure your child understands that they must never move to a private chat or to a different app with someone they don't know.

Games and platforms have a clear given age-rating. These are provided to keep children safe and to protect their mental wellbeing. We therefore ask, as parents and caregivers, that you are monitoring the games your children have access to ensuring it is suitable for their age.

As a school, we are always happy to offer assistance and advice on device usage and the importance of parental controls.

On Tuesday 10th February, children throughout the school will be participating in the Safer Internet Day. We encourage you to ask your children about what they have learnt and the impact it will have on their online usage and behaviour.

Homework:

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

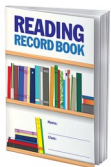
Here is a gentle reminder of the homework expectations as outlined in the school policy:

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label. **Children are tested on these words the next Monday.** We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly using TT Rockstars and flash cards. Watch out for our TT Rockstar battles between classes!

Finally, we ask that you ensure your child is reading either a school book or a book from home (if your child is a free reader) at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult. Reading diaries are checked every Monday by an adult in school so must be in school on this day at least.

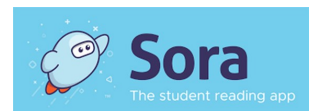
Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Reading

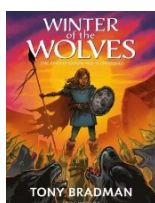
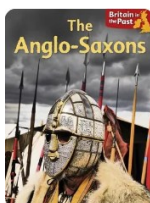


A polite reminder that your child should be reading at home at least 3 times a week and at least once a week to an adult. This is vital to support your child with their speed and fluency in turn preparing them for more challenging comprehension work in class. Please also ensure this is recorded in their 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 your child will be receiving

their login for this half term.



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





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Physical Education:

Class	Indoor PE day	Outdoor PE day
Giant Pandas	Thursday	Wednesday
Indian Elephants	Wednesday	Friday
Bengal Tigers	Wednesday	Friday
Mountain Gorillas	Thursday	Wednesday

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**. 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).



We also remind you 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.