



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2 - Fire and Ice

### Aspiration Integrity Resilience

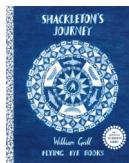
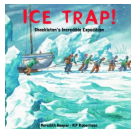


Year 4 have had a fantastic first half of the year and are beginning to show some fantastic progress. This half-term, we will be starting our second geography unit looking at biomes and climate zones. On top of this, we are beginning to look at the adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his journey to the Antarctic.

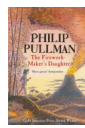
Alongside our topic, there are many exciting events happening this half-term including World Book Day and a trip to Gilbert White's House and Garden.

**English:**  
Shackleton's Journey

Ice Trap



**Class Reader:**  
The Iron Woman (cont.)  
The firework maker's daughter



**Geography:** Biomes and Climate Zones

**Science:** Plant Reproduction

**Computing:** Introduction to Excel

**Music:** Voice or Keyboard

**French:** Animals and Adjectives

**Indoor PE:** Dance

**Outdoor PE:** Football

**PSHE:** Friendship

**RE:** Rituals (Christianity)

### KEY DATES:

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

**Thursday 26th February:** Year 4 Toast tuck shop at break

**Tuesday 3rd March/ Wednesday 4th March:** Gilbert White's House & Garden trip

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

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

**Thursday 19th March:** Talavera Treat (selected children)

**Thursday 19th March:** RAPTC Pass Off Parade

**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 school trip:

#### Gilbert White's House and Garden

Just a reminder that Year 4 will be visiting Gilbert White's House and Garden on Tuesday 3rd (Giant Pandas and Bengal Tigers) and Wednesday 4th March (Mountain Gorillas and Indian Elephants).

For the trip, please can you ensure children are coming with a packed lunch (unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals), wellington boots in a plastic bag and a coat.

The trip will take place during school hours so there is no need to drop the children off early.



#### Upcoming school trip:

#### RAPTC Pass Off Parade

On Thursday 19th March, Year 4 have been invited to attend the Pass Off Parade of the Royal Army Physical Training Corps Museum. The children will be walking to the Museum on Queen's Avenue and will then enjoy a ceremony and parade.

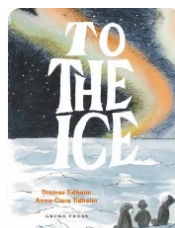
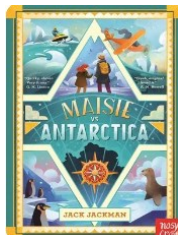
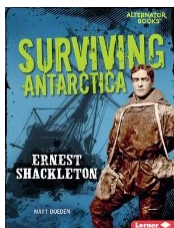
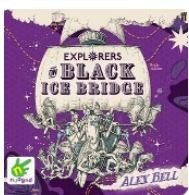
More information will follow in the next week.



#### 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 'Antarctica' 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.

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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	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 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.