

Year 5: Autumn 1: Anglo-Saxon Attack!

Welcome to Year 5!

We are very excited to welcome you all back to Talavera - or welcome you for the first time! As a year team, we are passionate about making sure your child receives exciting and inspiring education which will help them to reach their full potential.

This half-term, our topic is the Anglo-Saxon Attack; for this topic, we will be stepping back in time with a drama workshop, an opportunity to raze an Anglo-Saxon village to the ground and to experience life as a peasant! Our writing hook this half-term time is the gory story of Beowulf - a tale of power, hope and revenge! We will also be reading 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' where we meet Frankie, a quarterling troll, and his parents who run a hotel for magical creatures. We're sure that your child will love it.



ATTENDANCE:

As you can see from our learning above, Year 5 is full to the brim.

100%

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%. Wherever possible, please ensure that any medical or dental appointments are made outside of school time.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 3rd September - INSET day

Thursday 4th September - First day back

w/c Monday 8th September - PSHE week

Monday 15th September - Beowulf workshop

Wednesday 24th September - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 26th September - Charity Bake Sale

Thursday 2nd October - Poetry Day

w/c Monday 6th October - National Library Week

Friday 10th October—Fijian day

Friday 17th October - Harvest Festival / Cross country

Thursday 23rd October - Last day of half-term

Homework

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress and prepare them for the challenges of Year 6.

Maths: This will be sent out in orange books **weekly**. Children are also expected to access Times Tables Rockstars at least once weekly.

Spellings: Spellings will be shared with the children on a Monday morning and it is their responsibility to write these down to practise at home **ready for the test on a Friday**.

Reading: We ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home **at least 3 times per week** and completing their reading record.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Autumn 1 (8 weeks) Anglo-Saxon Attack!

<p>Stimulus: Anglo-Saxon drama workshop</p> <p>History: Anglo-Saxons & Vikings</p> <p>English text: Beowulf</p> <p>Reading text: The Nothing To See Here Hotel</p>	<p>Computing: Online safety</p> <p>RE: Creation</p> <p>Music: Untuned instruments—orchestrating a Beowulf scene</p> <p>French: French Polynesia</p> <p>Art: Printing</p>	<p>Outdoor PE: Fitness and Outdoor Education</p> <p>Science: Fossils</p> <p>PSHE: Coping with emotions</p> <p>Art: Printing</p>
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Backpacks

Parents, following our communication in July, please be advised that children should not have backpacks.

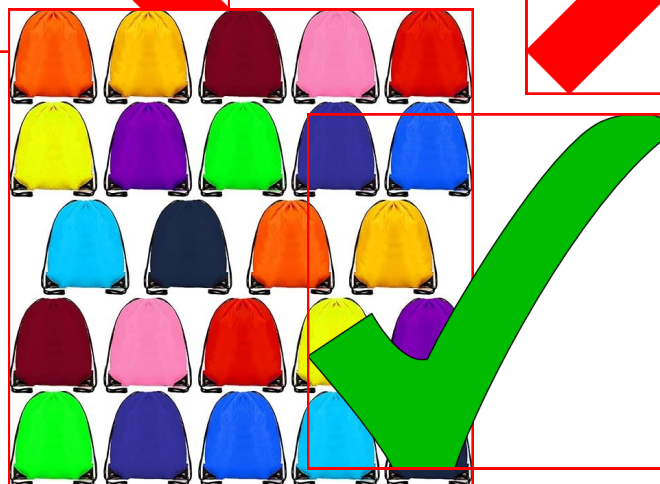
This is due to a lack of space in the school now that we have 510 pupils.

Instead, pupils should bring their lunch, water bottle and reading record/ book in a **drawstring bag**.

Pupils should also have a drawstring bag for their PE kit.

We also will not have keyrings or similar items which hang from bags. We cannot, unfortunately, assure that these are kept safe. We have had items go missing previously which is distressing for children.

The school has a small supply of drawstring bags which we can sell for 50p. Please be advised that we do not make a profit from this.



Talavera Smart:

Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings **which must be studs**. These must be removed or covered with tape brought in from home 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.

School shoes:

Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.



We are increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children, in-line with many other schools in Hampshire. Acknowledging the alarming amount of evidence and research about the negative effects of smartphones and social media, we are committing to making Hampshire primary schools smartphone free.

Please note that your child will not be permitted to have a smartphone in school, regardless of their transport home. "Brick" phones without internet connectivity may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, we ask for your support in making the school mobile phone free in general. We had a huge and positive response from children following No



Online Safety at home

We know that it can be difficult to keep up with the most recent trends online and how to protect children. We try to share the most up-to-date information that we have as schools. However, some key tips can form the foundation of keeping your child safe online:

- *Check your child's devices to monitor their usage
- *Limit screen time, particularly before bed
- *Talk regularly and openly about being safe
- *Hold your child to account for their language



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**.

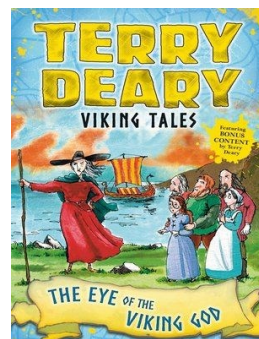
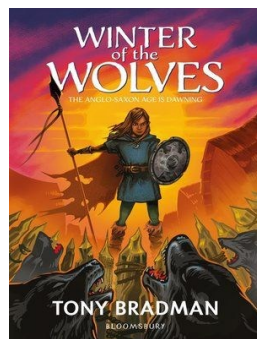
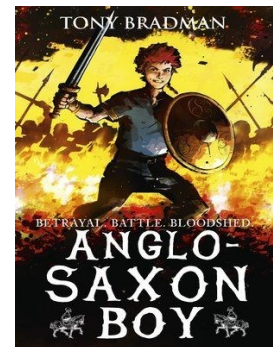
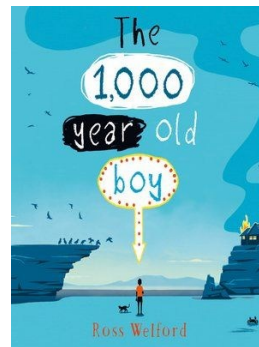
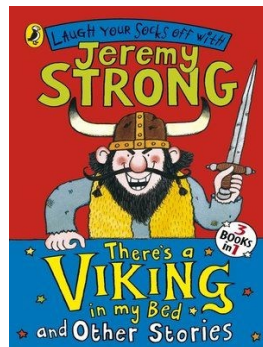
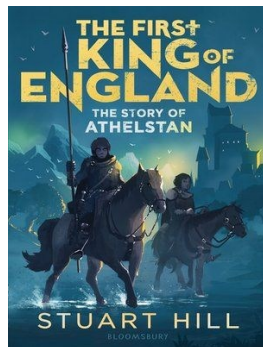
<u>Komodo Dragons</u>	<u>Ring-tailed Lemurs</u>	<u>Sea Otters</u>	<u>Spider Monkeys</u>
Wednesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Tuesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Tuesday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)	Tuesday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)

Reading Recommendations:



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.

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. Your child will be given their login again in September. 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.



If you would like any more recommendations for your child, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or visit this website: www.readerteacher.co.uk and view the 'recommendations' webpage!