



Year 5: Spring 1: Trailblazers and Traders

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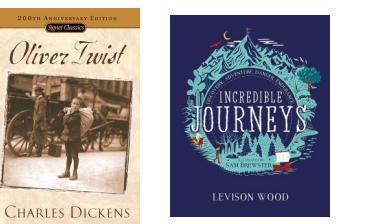
We hope that you have had a well-deserved break and we send you best wishes for the new year!

This half-term, our topic is **Trailblazers and Traders**. We will be building on our knowledge of trade around the world and the links between different countries.

We will start the half-term by looking at the book '**The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger'** for our writing unit, exploring a mystery set in a theatre of 18th century London.

In science, we will explore the topic of Forces which will give the children many opportunities to carry out scientific investigations. At Talavera, PSHE underpins everything that we do. This half-term, we will be exploring trust and loyalty. Within RE, we will be learning about neighbours.

Spring 1 (6 weeks): Trailblazers and Traders

<p>Geography: Trade Links English text: The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger Class reader: Incredible Journeys & Explore! (non-fiction)/ Oliver Twist (playscript)</p> 	<p>Computing: Physical programming—Microbits RE: Neighbours Music: Tuned instruments—Frozen Lands French: Birthdays and Food Science: Forces PSHE: Trust and Loyalty</p>	<p>Indoor PE: Gymnastics Outdoor PE: Football Art: Digital Manga</p> 
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KEY DATES

Monday 5th January: INSET day

Tuesday 6th January: Children begin back at school

Week commencing 12th January: Extra curricular clubs and boosters begin

Week commencing 12th January: Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 23rd January: House Event—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)

W/C 16th February: Half-term





HOMEWORK

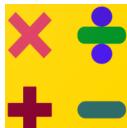
The children have got off to a good start with their homework but please be aware that we will now be ensuring that there is always completed, as part of their preparation for year 6.

Homework consists of mathematics questions sent home in an orange book for arithmetic practise which will be set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be set on a Monday and children know to record these to take home for extra practise. 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 completing their reading record.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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.

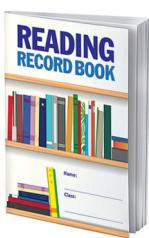
Children are vulnerable to forming unhealthy relationships when playing in collaborative modes. Please ensure your child understands that they must never move to a private chat or to a different app with someone they don't know.

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.

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.





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**.

Due to the time of year, Children may also wear plain running leggings/ joggers and a plain hoodie/ sweatshirt when outside.

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

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.