

Year 6 Autumn 1: The Seven Seas

Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome to the new academic year! We hope that both you and your children have had a wonderful summer break. The year 6 team are raring to go and are committed to ensuring that your children have an enjoyable and successful final year at Talavera!

This term's topic is 'The Seven Seas'. Within English, our key texts will be 'Survivor' - a story about a young boy's journey aboard the Titanic and 'Boy with the Butterfly Mind' where we meet Jamie, a young boy diagnosed with ADHD and Elin, a young girl struggling with the separation of her parents; these books are always a huge hit with the children!



Attendance

100%

As this year is such an important year, it is essential that children are here every day and on time. Wherever possible, please ensure that any medical or dental appointments are made outside of school time.

Autumn 1 (7 weeks) The Seven Seas

Stimulus: Topic days (Titanic, Survival, Pirates, Economic Activity)

English: Survivor

Class reader: Boy with the Butterfly Mind

Computing: Online Safety

RE: Imagery

PSHE: Democracy

French: Welcome to Morocco!

Art: Frida Kahlo

D&T: Gears and Pulleys
Outdoor PE: Cross Country
Outdoor PE: Tag Rugby
Science: Light

KEY DATES

Monday 4th September - First day back

Thursday 7th September - Mental Wellbeing Champions assembly

W/C 18th September - Aspiration week

Friday 22nd September - Azaylia Foundation Fundraiser

W/C Monday 2nd October - Practice SATs week

Friday 6th October - Tug of War House competition

Friday 13th October - Fijian day

Tuesday 17th October - Chessington Trip

Monday 16th October - Macmillan Cake Sale

Wednesday 18th October - Talavera treat selected children)

Friday 20th October - Whole school Cross Country event

Friday 20th October - Last day of half-term

HOMWORK

Year 6 is a pivotal year and to best prepare the children for secondary school, we expect all homework to be completed on time. This half term children will be receiving the following homework each week:

Maths: This will be sent out in orange books on a **Monday and due in the following Monday.**

Spellings: These will be sent out on stickers on a **Monday and must be revised for the Friday.**

Reading: Children must be **reading at home a minimum of x3 per week.** This should be evidenced in their reading scrapbooks. Where necessary, your child may **need additional time at home to practise their times tables.**

BOOSTER CLUBS

Please look out for letters inviting children to booster groups before and/or after school.

SAVE THE DATE! To celebrate and launch our DT Day in Autumn 1, year 6 are going to **Chessington World of Adventures** to take part in an exciting workshop and explore sea creatures ready for Autumn 2! Watch out for upcoming details on parent mail later in this half-term and save the date.

Tuesday 17th October



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**.

In Year 6, the P.E days are **Thursday** (outdoor) and **Friday** (outdoor)

Talavera Smart:



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. 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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ONLINE SAFETY LEARNING THIS HALF-TERM

Online safety is embedded throughout our school curriculum. This half-term your child will be developing their understanding through a series of lessons focused on the following areas of internet safety:

- How to keep personal information safe online;
- Recognising and reflecting on acceptable/unacceptable behaviours online;
- Considering what makes 'harmful' content;
- Evaluating and assessing online interactions;
- Identifying digital footprints and exploring the consequences of online behaviour; and
- Understanding people may behave differently online including showing bullying behaviour and to know how to apply friendship principles 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 your child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact the school who can offer additional support and advice.

You will know that to use Instagram your child should be 13 years old. However, we know that some of you may have decided that your child can use it with your supervision. If this is the case, please be aware of children having a "Finstagram". This is a fake Instagram account which can be used to hide from parents/ carers. When you're checking your child's phone to make sure they're safe, open Instagram, tap their profile photo and then their name at the top of the screen. Any other accounts they're signed in to will appear.



Standard Assessment Tests - SATs

This academic year, your child will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs. This is taken by every child in England to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum challenges in secondary school.

Throughout the year, the children will have "Practice Weeks" to help them prepare for the test conditions and questioning styles.

The 2024 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 13th May 2024.



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 scrapbook.

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. 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!

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