



Year 6 Spring 1: One World

Hello and welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are eager to return ready for another fun-filled and educational half term!

This half-term, our topic is: **One World**. Please see our overview below:

Topic overview:

History: World War 2, focusing on historical significance, comparing and contrasting and propaganda

PSHE: Discrimination

Art: Roy Lichtenstein

Computing: Systems and Networks

French: Bon Appetit

Music: Frozen Lands

RE: Sacrifice and Identity

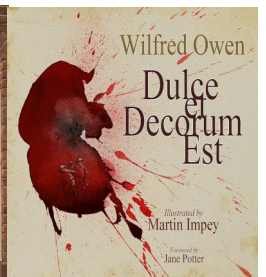
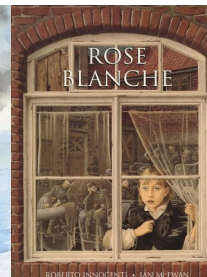
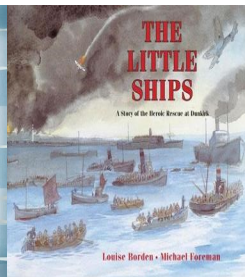
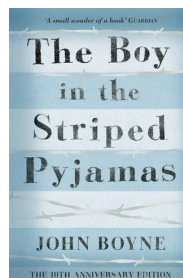
Science: Evolution

Indoor PE: Dance

Outdoor PE: Basketball

What is this topic about?

This unit shifts to a History focus, teaching the children about World War 2 through a series of age-appropriate texts and images. We will be reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' as our class reader so please don't read this one at home! As part of our writing unit, we will be using a selection of different texts to develop our understanding of the war. Please see below.



KEY DATES

Monday 5th January: INSET DAY

Thursday 8th January: World War 2 Workshop

W/C 12th January: Anti-Bullying Week

W/C 18th January: Spelling Bee

W/C 26th January: SATs mock week

W/C 2nd February: Additional parents evening and National Storytelling Week

Thursday 5th February: Imperial War Museum trip

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February: Parents vs Kids Rugby

Imperial War Museum

Please remember to sign up for our trip to the **Imperial War Museum on Arbor**. If your child requires a free school meal for the trip, kindly inform the school office.

The trip will follow **normal school timings**, so drop-off and pick-up remain unchanged. Children are allowed to wear **trainers** for the walk to the museum but must otherwise be in their **regular school uniform**. Thank you for your support!

Before and After School Boosters

Thank you for your ongoing support and well done to those children who have been attending these sessions. They have already made an impact on your child's learning.

Booster groups for Spring term will begin on the week of the **5th January**. The same groups are continuing and any new additions have been notified.



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 two 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.

Internet Safety remains a key priority at our school. This year, Safer Internet Day will take place on **Tuesday, 10th February**. Our pupils will spend the afternoon learning about key issues that can affect their safety online, with a particular focus on being **scam safe** and **scam aware**. By exploring practical ways to spot and avoid online scams, we aim to empower children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.



Please also remember that your child's class teacher or any member of the Senior Leadership Team are happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your child's internet usage.

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.



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 that you speak to your child's class teacher or a member of office staff. We will always do what we can to help.

Finally, please ensure all uniform is named. Already the school has a surplus amount of jumpers which remain unclaimed in lost property which we are eager to reunite with children but cannot as it is unnamed.

Residential (29th June—1st July):

Please remember that sign-up for the Year 6 residential is available on **Arbor**. We've made this available early in the year to help you spread the cost over time. This term, Year 6 will have various fundraising opportunities to partially fund this trip. We would love for **every child to attend**, as it's a fantastic opportunity not to be missed! Payments made after April 1st are non-refundable. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or speak to a Year 6 teacher.

