



Year 6 Spring 2: One World

Hello and welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half term break - although it did feel like it flew past! We're in our final half-term before SATs testing (May) so this half-term we really would like to remind children to read at home, as well as completing all homework. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you'd like any recommended reading lists.

Topic this half-term:

Computing: Systems and Networks

PSHE: Discrimination

RE: Power

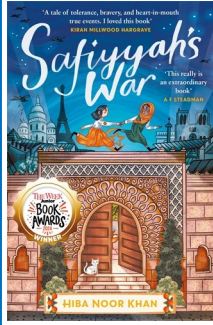
Outdoor PE: Maypole and Hockey

Music: Frozen Lands (notation)

Geography: Nevada (natural resources and tourism)

DT: Healthy Eating and Packaging

English—What is this topic about?



This term, we are thrilled to be reading 'Safiyyah's War': a riveting read written by Hiba Noor Khan. Set in World War 2, this book describes what happens when war comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes forever. Her best friend's family have fled and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. When her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?

For our writing stimulus this half-term, we will be using Macbeth to create a set of gruesome instructions and write a letter from the perspective of Macbeth's dagger! !

Finally, in our build-up to SATs, we will be exploring a range of short texts and practising SATs-style questions in Reading Journey to build more confidence before May!



KEY DATES:

W/C 23rd February: PSHE perfectionism week

Tuesday 24th February: Toast Morning

Wednesday 25th February: Macbeth workshop

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Friday 6th March: Year 5/6 Coffee Morning

Monday 9th March: SATs information drop-in

W/C Monday 16th March: SATs Practice Week

Friday 27th March: INSET



Boosters will be running as normal. If you would like any support with resources for practice at home, then please speak to your child's class teacher. We would be happy to provide your child with extra means to support them.

This half-term, Mrs Hatton will be running a wellbeing group in The Burrow during lunchtimes. This will be on an invite-only basis but if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Please note: the Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026.**



Please remember that our payments for the residential (29th June—1st July) are due in by the 1st of April. There is still time to sign up! We are very much looking forward to enjoying a new trip this year that we would like every child to participate in. Please contact the office or Miss Mead / Mrs Heaton if you have any questions regarding the trip and / or payment.





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 critical that children remember their PE kit. They will need this on a Monday and Thursday every week so please ensure they have the correct and necessary kit.

Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

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 earring **which must be studs**. These must be removed or 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.



Online Safety

Although your child should not be on Instagram, because of the age restrictions of this app, please look at the guidance by Instagram to help people feel safe online.

If you have concerns about your child's behaviour online, please pop to see their class teacher.

Do you know how to report content?



If you see something that's not following Instagram's Community Guidelines (e.g. nudity or self-harm), you can report it from within the app or on [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com).

- Tap ... (iOS) or ⋮ (Android) above the post
- Tap **Report**
- Follow the on-screen instructions



If you want to report someone that is impersonating you or someone you know, you can do that from within the Instagram app or on [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com).

- Tap ... (iOS) or ⋮ (Android) in the top right of the profile
- Tap **Report**
- Follow the on-screen instructions

Do you know who your followers are?

If you have a public account, anyone can follow you and see your posts. If you have a private account, you have to approve every request to follow you and people will only be able to see your photos or videos if you approve them as a follower.

If your account is set to private, you can remove people from your followers list:

- Go to your profile
- Tap **Followers** at the top of the screen
- Tap ... (iPhone) or ⋮ (Android) to the right of the follower you'd like to remove, then select **Remove**

You can also block someone to stop them following you. (See: Do you know how to block someone?)

Instagram has a simple privacy setting: you either share your posts with anyone (a public account) or only share with people whom you have approved to follow you (a private account).

To set your account to private:

- Go to your profile, then tap ≡
- Tap **Settings**
- Tap **Privacy > Account Privacy**
- Tap next to **Private Account** to make your account private

