



Talavera Junior School

Pangolins



Key dates

Swimming **every Tuesday** (Our first session is Tuesday 25th)

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day coffee morning

Friday 4th April - Annual reports out to parents

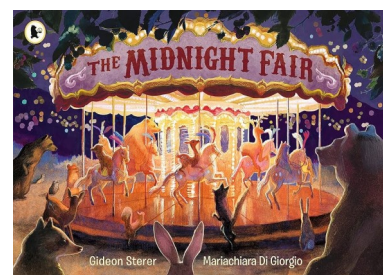
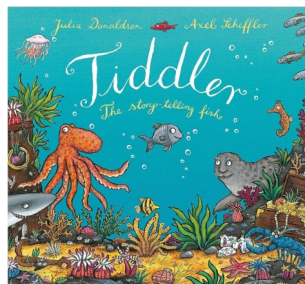
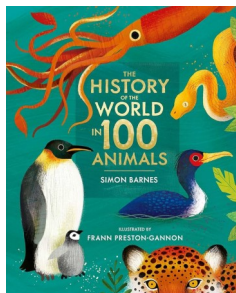
Friday 4th April - End of term

Since coming back after Christmas, all of the children have demonstrated a fantastic work attitude. It has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made due to their can-do approach. We have had so many learning opportunities and it has been wonderful for the children's confidence and individual characters to come out more and more.



What are we up to next half-term?

Next half-term, our key texts are: **The History of the World in 100 Animals**, **Tiddler** and **The Midnight Fair**.



Over the next half-term, our three books are all related to animals. Many of our children within Pangolins are enthusiastic about animals. Within our continuous provision, we will be continuing to explore activities that relate to communication, cognition, co-ordination, compassion and collaboration. These are key threads that we use throughout all of our planning. With communication being a key need for the children, we ensure that our lessons provide opportunity for interaction and language building opportunities.

-Our learning this last half-term

Over the last half term, we have been exploring three texts: *The Tiger who Came to Tea*, *Astro Girl* and *Colours, Colours Everywhere*. All of these texts were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children. These texts were followed throughout our learning. We explored planets in science, the first moon landing and held our very own tea party in the classroom. All of our children have created some wonderful written outcomes including diary entries, stories and invitations.



You may have previously received an invitation to provide you with access to Tapestry. We have recently started using Tapestry for all children in Pangolins as this provides you as parents with a way of seeing what your children have been up to in the day. As well as this, Tapestry provides us with a means of assessment for our continuous provision. We would be extremely grateful if you could set up your account as this will provide us with another means of communication. Within our Tapestry posts and updates you will see pictures of learning we have done in class, key moments from our day and images from our life skills trips. Our children find communication to be a significant challenge, therefore, Tapestry provides a bridge between what has happened at school and allowing conversation around this to happen at home. Please do not hesitate to ask for any help or support with using or setting up your Tapestry account.



I would like to say a massive thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to come in and join us for our 'Tiger who Came to Tea' tea party. We recognise that as parents you are all extremely busy to take time out of your busy schedule to spend this afternoon with us was greatly appreciated. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed preparing for the afternoon and spending time with you in the library.

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 would also like to remind all parents that children must not be wearing underlayers under their school clothes.

Also, a reminder 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 a member of staff 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.

Outdoor Learning

Winter	Summer
Vest or T-Shirt	Long sleeved T-shirt or top (Arms must be covered)
Long sleeved top	Light trousers (Legs must be covered in woodland)
Hooded top / fleece or thick jumper	Socks
Waterproof jacket	Trainers or Wellington boots (No sandals or flipflops)
Thick socks or two pairs of thin ones	Sunhat
Trousers	Sunglasses (Optional)
Waterproof trousers	Sunscreen
Wellington boots / waterproof shoes	
Hat, gloves and scarf	

Swimming and PE Kit

It is important that all children are able to access all our learning within school. All children must have their **swimming kit** on a **Tuesday** and **PE kit** on a **Friday**.

As part of our PE curriculum in Pangolins, we focus on fundamental movement skills. These are the key skills needed by children to support with their movement and development. Our lessons are practical and provide opportunity for independence.

