



Talavera Junior School

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1 - Kingdom Creators

Aspiration Integrity Resilience



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

This term, we are going to be looking at the book **'The Unspoken'** for our whole school writing unit. This book will teach the children about the **Underground Railroad** and therefore, may raise some questions regarding race and the slave trade. We will be teaching it very sensitively but please be aware that your children may wish to discuss this further with you. If you would like any support with this, please let us know.

This half term, our topic is **Kingdom Creators**. We will be investigating the Ancient Egyptians and their significance in history. This will link to our Design and Technology unit of sewing, whereby the children will explore hieroglyphics and sew a hieroglyph in the form of a cartouche bookmark. After researching life in Ancient Egypt, children will apply their knowledge and skills from their Computing unit to create a PowerPoint presentation summarising what they have learnt.

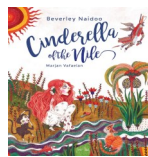
In Science, we will explore the topic of Light and Dark. At Talavera, PSHE underpins everything that we do. This half term, we will be understanding how to maintain friendships. Within RE, we will be learning about Peace in the context of Buddhism. We will be visiting the Buddhist temple.

Look out for our weekly window updates for more information about weekly learning and each week's spellings.

Stimulus - Message in a bottle

English:

Unspoken (Whole School Text)
Cinderella of the Nile



Class Reader:

Horrible Histories: Awful Egyptians
Jack Stalwart: Mission to find Max



Science - Light and Dark

Computing - PowerPoint

French - Colours and Numbers

History - Ancient Egypt
Music—Body Percussion

Indoor PE - Circuits

Outdoor PE - Cross Country

RE: Peace

PSHE - Maintaining friendships
D&T - Sewing

KEY DATES:

W/C 9th January: Extra curricular clubs begin
W/C 16th January: Readathon week
W/C 23rd January: Resilience week
Friday 27th January: House Cross Country competition
Friday 3rd February: Nepali day
W/C 6th February: Online safety week
Wednesday 8th February: Talavera treat
Friday 10th February: Dads Vs Kids Rugby
Friday 10th February: Art Day
Friday 10th February: Last day of half-term

Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress. In Year 3, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics (online - My Maths) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday on a spelling label. **Children are tested on these words the next Monday.** We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and to use TT Rockstars. Watch out for our TT Rockstar battles between classes!

Finally, we ask that you ensure your child is reading either a school book or a book from home (if your child is a free reader) at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you.



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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. This should consist of black shorts, (black jogging bottoms or running tights for winter months) and a red t-shirt (or plain white). PE kits must also contain trainers.



Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school **every day**. Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 4.

Bengal Tigers/Green Turtles: Wednesday and Thursday
Blue Whales: Monday and Thursday
Emperor Penguins: Wednesday and Friday

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.



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to