



Talavera Junior School

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1 - Saxons and Scots



Happy New Year

The Year 4 team have been truly amazed by the progress our children have made since September. This half-term, we will be learning about the Saxons and Scots in our history unit. The aim of this unit is to explore the different invaders who came to Britain following in the Roman Era. We will look at the influences they had on Britain with a particular focus on place names.

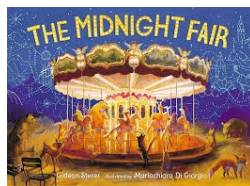
To fully immerse the children in the topic, we will be hosting a workshop on **Thursday 9th January 2025** in school. If you haven't yet **consented and paid the contribution on Arbor**, please do so ASAP. This workshop enables children to travel back in time and become Anglo Saxons themselves!

English:
The Iron Man

The Midnight Fair

Class Reader:
The Iron Man

The Iron Woman



History: Saxons and Scots—
Settlements

Science: Digestion

Computing: Networking

Music: Listen 2 Me music
(Brass instruments/ Clarinet)

French: My Body

Indoor PE: Dance

Outdoor PE: Outdoor
Education

PSHE: Healthy Eating

RE: Good and Evil (The
Buddhist faith)

Art: Sculptures

KEY DATES:

Monday 6th January: INSET day

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

Thursday 9th January 2025: Saxon Workshop

W/C 13th January: Extra curricular clubs and boosters
begin (separate invitation to follow)

W/C 27th January: National storytelling week

Friday 31st January: Parents vs. Kids rugby

W/C 3rd February: IEP drop ins

Tuesday 4th February: Talavera Treat: Pizza Express

Tuesday 11th February: Safer Internet Day

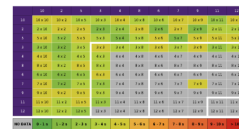
W/C 17th February: Half-term

Times Tables:

This half-term will have a continued focus on times tables to ensure the children are prepared for the Summer national times table check.

You will have received a 'Times Tables Heat Map' for your child before the holidays. This shows which times tables facts your child needs to focus on in

order to have a full green heat map.



Boosters:

We are continuing to run before school boosters for children who would benefit from extra support for times tables these will begin on the week of the **13th January**. 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.

Invitations will be sent out via Arbor. If your child is invited please confirm their attendance on Arbor so that we are able to monitor attendance accurately and please ensure they arrive through the school office and that they come up to Year 4 for 8.10am in order to start the session.

If you feel your child would benefit from attending, please do discuss with your child's teacher. Thank you for your support with this.

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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

<u>Indian Elephants</u>	<u>Bengal Tigers</u>	<u>Mountain Gorillas</u>	<u>Giant Pandas</u>
Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)	Thursday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Wednesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)

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 Mrs Webb or the office and the school will assist you. Remember we also have our second hand uniform trove which is available when requested at the School office.

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Homework:

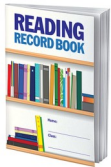
Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress. Each week, your child must:

- Read at least 3 times per week and record this in their reading record which must then be signed by an adult.
- Learn their 5 spelling words which are sent home on a spelling label.
- Practise times tables for at least 20 minutes through TTRockstars.



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.

Reading

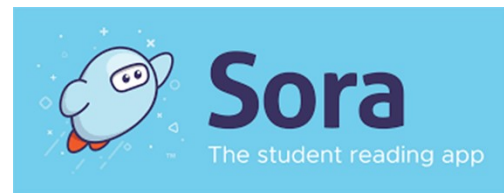


A polite reminder that your child should be reading at home at least 3 times a week and at least once a week to an adult. This is vital to support your child with their speed and fluency in turn preparing them for more challenging comprehension work in class. Please also ensure this is recorded in their diary so that the school can keep track of their progress. Aside from reading their school reading or library book, they can also record any other book they have read. SORA is an excellent resource that the children are already

signed up to. If you cannot find your child's login, please ask their class teacher.



These are just a few of the books on SORA linked to our new topic for children to enjoy. Simply type 'Saxon' into the search bar and a wide selection of stories will appear.



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.



This year, Safer Internet Day will take place on **Tuesday, 11th 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.