

# Year 6 Autumn 1: The Seven Seas

## Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome to the new academic year! We hope that both you and your children have had a wonderful summer break. The year 6 team are raring to go and are committed to ensuring that your children have an enjoyable and successful final year at Talavera!

This term's topic is 'The Seven Seas'. Within English, our key texts will be 'Survivor' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; both of which share exciting adventures about how to survive and navigate across the most dangerous waters. Through our history and geography curriculum, we will also sail back in time to the events of the Titanic to explore the impact that it had upon the lives of others.



## Attendance

As this year is such an important year, it is essential that children are here every day and on time. Wherever possible, please ensure that any medical or dental appointments are made outside of school time.

## Autumn 1 (7 weeks) The Seven Seas

**Stimulus:** Topic days (Titanic, Survival, Pirates)  
**English:** Survivor  
**Class reader:** Kensuke's Kingdom

**Computing:** Online Safety  
**RE:** Imagery  
**PSHE:** Democracy  
**French:** Welcome to Morocco!  
**Art:** Printing

**D&T:** Gears and Pulleys  
**Indoor PE:** Dance  
**Outdoor PE:** Hockey  
**Science:** Light  
**Geography:** Economic Activity

## KEY DATES

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - First day back  
**W/C Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - Topic days (Titanic, Survival, Pirates)  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Parent Reading Journal Workshop  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - Parent's Spelling Workshop (invite only)  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Poetry Day  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - House event (Tug of War)  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Chessington School Trip  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** —D&T days (£2 contribution for finished piece)  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents vs Kids Rugby  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents Reading Comprehension Workshop (invite only)  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Parents vs Kids rugby  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Last day of half-term  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Inset day  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Back to school

## HOMEWORK

Year 6 is a pivotal year and to best prepare the children for secondary school, we expect all homework to be completed on time. This half term children will be receiving the following homework each week:

**Maths:** This will be sent out in orange books on a **Monday and due in the following Monday.**  
**MyMaths:** This will be set online on **Monday and due in the following Monday.**  
**Spellings:** These will be sent out on stickers on a **Monday and must be revised for the Friday.**  
**Reading:** Children must be **reading at home a minimum of x3 per week.** This will be recorded in their reading journals. **Please attend the parent Reading Journal Workshop for more information on this.** Where necessary, your child may need additional time at home to practise their times tables.

Please support your children's learning in class by ensuring the homework is completed on time. If you need any assistance with supporting at home, please see your child's class teacher—we are always happy to help!

We thank you for your support and commitment to improving your child's learning.

To celebrate and launch our DT Day in Autumn 1, year 6 are going to **Chessington World of Adventures** to take part in an exciting workshop and explore sea creatures ready for Autumn 2! Watch out for upcoming details on parent mail later in this half-term and save the date.

**Monday 10th October**



## 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.

Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school **every day**.

In Year 6, the P.E days are **Monday** (outdoor) and **Friday** (indoor)

## Talavera Smart:

Please see below the reminder of school uniform expectations which was previously sent out in July. Upon your child starting, please ensure all uniform and PE kit is named to avoid lost items!

### PE Kit



Here is an example of our indoor PE uniform.

For outdoor PE, in cold weather, children can wear red or black jumpers. They can also wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Please make sure that your child has socks and trainers as part of their outdoor PE kit too.

### Talavera Smart

Please see the photo of our school uniform.

**Red school jumper, branded from Edgar Jerome.**

**White polo shirt**

**Black skirt, shorts or trousers**

Please note: leggings are not school uniform.



## School shoes:

Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ONLINE SAFETY LEARNING THIS HALF-TERM

Online safety is embedded throughout our school curriculum. This half-term your child will be developing their understanding through a series of lessons focused on the following areas of internet safety:

- How to keep personal information safe online;
- Recognising and reflecting on acceptable/unacceptable behaviours online;
- Considering what makes 'harmful' content;
- Evaluating and assessing online interactions;
- Identifying digital footprints and exploring the consequences of online behaviour; and
- Understanding people may behave differently online including showing bullying behaviour and to know how to apply friendship principles online.

To support your child further in this area, we recommend that you speak to your child about what they have learnt and how they can apply it at home. If, as a parent, you have any questions or queries about how to keep you child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact the school who can offer additional support and advice.