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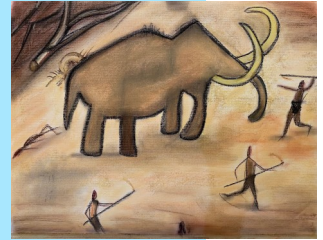
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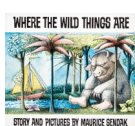
WELCOME TO YEAR 3

We are extremely excited to welcome you all into Year 3 and the Talavera Junior community. We hope that this will be a fantastic year. We have planned many exciting learning opportunities this year including: trips, a workshop and hands-on learning experiences that we cannot wait to share with you.

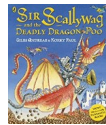
This half-term, our learning will focus on prehistoric periods of time and we will be using our Stone Age day to kickstart the children's interest. This will take place on **Wednesday 18th September** where the children will get to come to school dressed as a person from the Stone Age period. Throughout the day, we will participate in a range of exciting and engaging activities to launch our history topic on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages where the children will learn the similarities and differences between these periods.

Stimulus - Stone Age Workshop

English:
Where The Wild Things Are
Stone Age Boy



Class Reader:
Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo
The First Drawing
A selection of Little Wandle texts



Science - Rocks and Soils

Computing - Scratch (coding)

Art - Dragon Printing

French - We're Off To France! Greetings

RE - Courage (Christianity)

Outdoor PE - Fundamental Movements

Indoor PE - Gymnastics

PSHE - Keeping Safe

History—Stone, Bronze & Iron Ages

KEY DATES:

Tuesday 3rd September - First day of school

W/C 16th September - Aspiration Week

Wednesday 18th September - Stone Age day (workshop and dress up)

Wednesday 25th September - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 3rd October - Poetry day

W/C Monday 7th October - National Library Week

Friday 11th October - Fijian Day

Thursday 17th October - Talavera Treat: school cinema! (Selected children)

Tuesday 15th October - Talavera's 60th Birthday (Mufti day)

Wednesday 16th October - Butser Ancient Farm trip

Friday 18th October - House event: Cross country

Friday 25th October - Last day before half term

ATTENDANCE:

100%

As you can see from our learning above, Year 3 is full to the brim with a range of exciting learning opportunities.

For this reason, attendance throughout the year is vital. We understand that there are times when children are poorly but, as a school, we aim for attendance to be above 97%.



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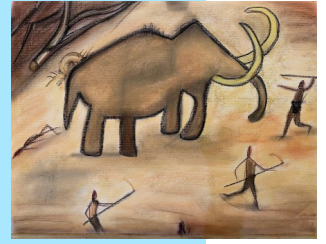
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Homework:

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress. For this reason, we ask parents to support with the key components which underpin the foundations for children's learning. Although homework set is limited, at Talavera we have the expectation that it is completed regularly and thoroughly.

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.

Spelling:



The first homework task consists of a weekly set of spellings which will be given on Mondays and tested the following Monday. Spellings will go home on a label and we expect children to practise these in their home spelling books.



Times tables:



In Year 4, your child will sit a government-marked times table test. This is taken by every child in England to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum challenges in Year 5 and 6.



Consequently, to help prepare your child for this, we ask that you continue to practise times tables recall regularly with your children, using their flash cards and TT Rockstars.

We will be setting weekly challenges which is part of the children's weekly homework. Children will receive their log in details within the first two weeks in September.

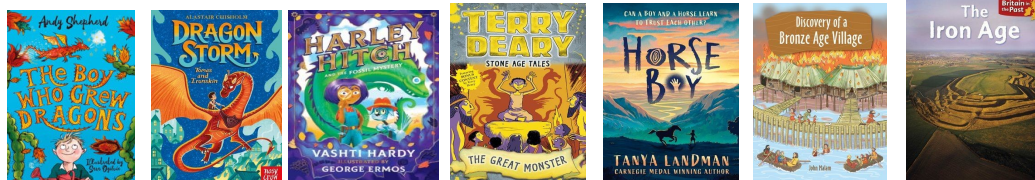


Reading:



Finally, our school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of their reading book, school library book or any book they enjoy reading at home; we just ask it is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

This year, we have a whole school focus on reading for pleasure. Please remember: children are free to borrow books from our in-school library or using the SORA app run by Hampshire library service that the school has paid the subscription for. On this platform, children can borrow a range of books including comics and audio books. Please also remember that it is free to sign up to Aldershot library where children can borrow additional books. Below are some books which are linked to our learning this half-term which your child may enjoy; many of these are available on SORA.

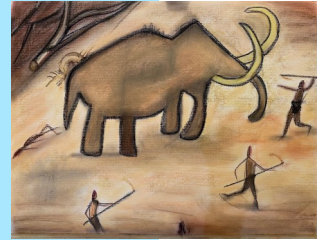




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Online Safety and Coding:

Each half term, Year 3 will have an Online Safety lesson. This half-term, we will be learning about digital citizenship and how to use digital devices safely online. During our computing lessons, children will be learning how to use coding platforms to create a range of outcomes. Scratch is free to use online at home so, if you have access to the internet, let your child have additional time to explore.



Online Safety at home

We know that it can be difficult to keep up with the most recent trends online and how to protect children. We try to share the most up-to-date information that we have as schools. However, some key tips can form the foundation of keeping your child safe online:

- *Check your child's devices to monitor their usage
- *Limit screen time, particularly before bed
- *Talk regularly and openly about being safe
- *Hold your child to account for their language



Coats

Please ensure your child has a coat—the weather can be unpredictable! All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps your child to quickly identify their belongings and take responsibility for looking after them.



Morning Snack and Packed Lunches

We recommend that your child has a mid-morning snack at break time to ensure they can learn effectively. Without this, children's energy levels can drop noticeably, resulting in reduced concentration.

In line with our healthy school policy, this snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable. Cereal bars (that do not contain yogurt or chocolate coating) and healthy oat-based snacks are also allowed. **These snacks and packed lunches must not contain nuts.**

Packed lunches must also be healthy. If you are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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**. Children should bring their kit in on Mondays and take them home to be washed on Fridays. Below is a reminder of the P.E. days for Year 3.

| <u>Axolotls</u> | <u>Blue Whales</u> | <u>Emperor Penguins</u> | <u>Green Turtles</u> |
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| Friday (Indoor) Thursday (Outdoor) | Wednesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor) | Wednesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor) | Wednesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor) |



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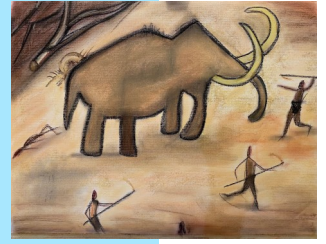
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Talavera Smart uniform reminders:

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 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. 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.



If you are experiencing any difficulty providing your child with suitable uniform, do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Harman-Box or the office as we will do all we can to support you. **Please remember: second hand uniform is available all year round on request from reception. We will also continue to accept and be grateful for any donations of school uniform all year round at reception including shoes and trainers.**



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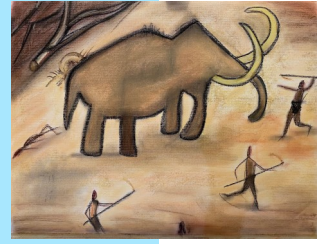
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School Lunches

Your child will have the option of ordering a school dinner or bringing in a healthy pack lunch. Payments for school dinners will now need to be made on your child's Arbor account which will be set up shortly after your child's first day.

If you wish to explore the menu on offer, please scan the QR code which will direct you to the Hampshire website.



Are you eligible?

Now your child is in Year 3, they will no longer automatically receive Free School Dinners.

Please see the list below for eligibility. If you feel that you may be entitled, please scan the link below and complete the application form.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:



- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



Payments, Permissions and Clubs

A final reminder to ensure you have checked that your Arbor account is working and all details on your child's account are up-to-date.

In the next few days, your child's account will become live. It is here that you will be able to pay for school dinner, trips and extra curricular activities (except for afterschool club which is run by an external business).



Arbor

If you have any issues or questions regarding your child's Arbor account, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff at the office.

Arbor is our main source of communications and will be where all letters will be sent out through.

Learning Support Assistant & Midday Supervisory Assistant

Closing date: 1st October 2024 Noon

Contract/Hours: Fixed term until July 2025, Part-time

Salary Type: Support Staff

Salary Details: LSA Grade B (FTE £23,058) MDSA Grade A (FTE22,183)

Hours of Work: LSA 25 hours per week (Mon- Fri 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20)

MDSA - 5 hours per week (Mon-Fri 12.15-13.15)

Location of Role: Talavera Junior School

Contact e-mail address: office@talaverajunior.co.uk

Job/Person Summary

Do you want to make a real difference?

We are looking for a learning support assistant to work for five mornings a week in Year 5 cohort, hours to be worked are 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20 and then to cover 12.15 - 1.15 as a midday supervisor.

Your responsibilities will include supporting learning in core subjects and intervention when children have not grasped a concept.

For further information please contact the school. You may also be asked to assist other adults in the class with the preparation of resources and general classroom duties.

We are looking for someone who:

- has high expectations of all children
- is able to use their own initiative and be proactive
- is able to communicate well with others
- is a good team player
- has excellent subject knowledge in English and Maths and at least a Grade C or equivalent in both subjects
- We can offer you delightful children who are enthusiastic to learn and determined to do their best. We are an outstanding school with a supportive and friendly team.

Come and visit us and see what we have to offer.

Application Procedure

For further information or an application form please call the office on 01252 322156; visits are warmly welcomed.

Application forms along with lots of information about our school can be found on the school website www.talaverajunior.co.uk.

Safer Recruitment

Talavera Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

About us

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