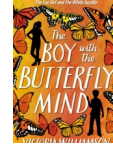


# Year 6 Autumn 1: The Seven Seas

## 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' - a story about a young boy's journey aboard the Titanic and 'Boy with the Butterfly Mind' where we meet Jamie, a young boy diagnosed with ADHD and Elin, a young girl struggling with the separation of her parents; these books are always a huge hit with the children!



## Attendance

100%

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 (8 weeks) The Seven Seas

**English:** 'Survivor' and 'The Boy with the Butterfly Mind'  
Handwriting, spelling and grammar  
**Maths:** See medium term plan on our website

**Art:** Painting—Frida Kahlo  
**DT:** Fairground rides  
**French:** Morocco  
**Music:** Composition—Blue Planet  
**PE:** Cross-country and tag rugby

**Computing:** Online safety  
**Geography:** Economic activity  
**History:** Titanic—Belfast  
**PSHE:** Democracy  
**RE:** Christianity—Imagery  
**Science:** Light

## KEY DATES

**Monday 2nd September** - INSET day

**Tuesday 3rd September** - First day back

**w/c Monday 16th September** - Aspiration Week

**Wednesday 18th September** - Y6 expectations evening for parents/ carers 3:30—4:30 in Sea Otters classroom

**Wednesday 25th September** - Flu vaccinations

**Wednesday 25th September** - Ensure you have paid on Arbor to confirm your child's place on our Chessington trip. If you need support, please contact the front office.

**w/c Monday 30th September** - SATs baseline testing

**Thursday 3rd October** - Poetry Day

**w/c Monday 7th October** - National Library Week

**Thursday 10th October** - Chessington school trip

**Friday 11th October** - Fijian day

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

**Thursday 17th October** - Talavera Treat: school cinema!

**Friday 18th October:** House event: Cross country

**Friday 25th October** - Last day of half-term

## HOMWORK

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 **Tuesday and due in the following Monday**.

Children are also expected to access Times Tables Rockstars at least once weekly.

**Spellings/ Grammar:** Spellings will be sent out on a **Monday and must be revised for the Friday**. Grammar homework will be sent out on **Monday and due in the following Monday**. Both will be stuck into English homework books.

**Reading:** Children must be **reading at home a minimum of x3 per week**. This should be evidenced in their reading records. They will also receive weekly reading comprehension homework which will be sent out on **Friday and due in the following Friday** and will be stuck into English homework books.

## BOOSTER CLUBS

Please look out for letters inviting children to booster groups before and/or after school.

**SAVE THE DATE: 10th October!** To celebrate and launch our DT topic in Autumn 1, year 6 are going to **Chessington World of Adventures** to take part in an exciting workshop and explore forces and rollercoasters! Please confirm your child's place on Arbor no later than **Wednesday 25th September**. Payments are voluntary but allow us to run these events for your child. Please contact us if you need help with payment.



### 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 **Tuesday** (outdoor)

### Talavera Smart:



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.

### 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:

- The link between internet use and our mental health;
- The risk of spending money online and online gambling;
- Recognising and reflecting on acceptable/unacceptable behaviours online;
- Considering what makes 'harmful' content;
- Understanding people may behave differently online including showing bullying behaviour and to know how to apply friendship principles online; and
- How to keep personal information private online

To support your child further in this area, we recommend that you speak to your child about what they have learnt.

### 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



## Standard Assessment Tests - SATs

This academic year, your child will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs. This is taken by every child in England to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum challenges in secondary school.

Throughout the year, the children will have "Practice Weeks" to help them prepare for the test conditions and questioning styles.

The 2025 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 12th May 2025.



## Reading Recommendations



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.

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. Your child will be given their login again in September. 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.



If you would like any more recommendations for your child, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or visit this website: [www.readerteacher.co.uk](http://www.readerteacher.co.uk) and view the 'recommendations' webpage!

# The Reader Teacher

Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!



## **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](http://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.

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