

Reception
Autumn 1
2023

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: Let's Celebrate

The Big Picture

We will start the new year, learning about the school routines and our school community. We will learn about the importance of recycling and looking after our learning resources, while playing in our new environment. We will share information about our families including our extended family. Then, we will talk about our similarities and differences. While exploring the school grounds, we will look at how the environment and weather changes from Summer into Autumn. We will learn about 'Harvest Time' and the importance of growing food, including learning about the life cycle of an apple.

Key Information and Dates

We welcome you to join us every Friday morning at 9.10am to celebrate our 'Golden Book' awards.

For PE days, the children should wear comfortable clothes and trainers to school all day consisting of a white top and dark bottoms.

Both classes will have PE (dance) every Friday.

Please ensure all belongings are named (including PE kit, hats, packed lunches and coats).

Please also send your child in with a named water bottle. Containing only water.

Inset day: 2.10.23. School is closed to all pupils.

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus

Children will listen to a variety of narratives throughout this half term. We will be challenging children to be able to re-tell a story and sequence the main events. Children will begin to learn 'Read Write Inc.' Set 1 phonic sounds and will be given these to practice at home as well as reading CVC words E.g. c-a-t. In writing, children will begin to learn the correct letter formation for each sound as it is taught using the Read Write Inc. sounds.

Home Learning

Your child will be bringing home a library book which is a picture book they have chosen to read with you at home. Please ensure it is in their book bag every Friday so they can change it in school. Once children can blend CVC words independently they will also bring home a RWI blending book which you can comment on daily, in their reading record. In addition, the home learning weekly tasks will be sent via Tapestry.

Maths

Number	Children will learn the skill of subitising (recognising numbers without counting), and 1:1 counting (E.g. saying a number name for each object). We will focus on the numbers 1-3. This will include showing the correct amount of fingers, without counting and instantly recognising an amount of objects.
Shape, Space and Measure	Children will compare two items according to their mass, capacity and size using the correct vocabulary. We will also learn how to match identical objects/pictures and sort objects by colour / size / pattern.

Understanding the World

History	Children will be describing their own life story and that of their family. We will focus on similarities and differences between different families and we will look at artefacts from the past, learning about who they belong to and why.
Science	Children will learn about the key features of Autumn and the celebration of the Harvest Festival. After visiting the apple trees in school we will learn about the life cycle of an apple and how one tiny seed will produce an apple. We will even get to bake using the apples!
Geography	Children will explore the school grounds including the indoor and outdoor environments while learning about who's who at Walkley school. We will also look at maps to locate where we were born and where our families were born.

Physical Development

Children will take part in daily dough disco to strengthen hand and finger muscles. In PE, Amy from 'Dazzle Dance' will be teaching children how to explore movement using different body parts. Children will develop fine and gross motor skills, through handling equipment. They will learn how to stay safe by negotiating space. They will work independently and with a partner to complete tasks.

Personal, social, emotional development

This half term children will be encouraged to form relationships, talk about members of their family and begin to understand and talk about their own feelings. We will teach weekly PSED lessons to support children to achieve these goals. We will also be discussing the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

Expressive art and design

Firstly, we will be focusing on creating a collaborative collage by exploring and experimenting with different textures. Children will be encouraged to select and describe materials according to their textures to make a collage linked to Eric Carle. Secondly, we will learn about the artist Kandinsky. Children will learn how to mix paint colours and re-create a Kandinsky style picture.

Religious Education

Our RE focus, is all about special people. This includes people who are special to us in our family, at school and in our community. This will lead into learning about role models and how Jesus is an example of a role model in the Christian community through storytelling.