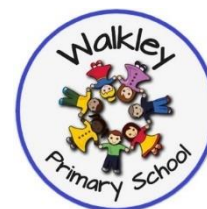


Year 5
Summer 2
2024

Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

PE lessons will take place on:



Hiccups: Wednesday and Friday

Sun Kings: Monday and Friday

Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

22.6.24 – School Summer Fair

27.6.24 – Whole school transition morning

10.7.24 – KS2 Picnic on the field and Sports Afternoon

18.7.24 – Year 6 performance (am and pm) with Year 5 choir

22.7.24 – last day of term for children

Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!

English

Our focus in reading and writing for the start of this half term is all about our Solar System. Our first unit in Guided Reading is based on the book Planetarium, where we will be learning lots of interesting facts about our Solar system to support us in our writing. First, we will be writing a Non-chronological report covering information on all the planets in our Solar System and key facts about them.

Next in Literacy, our focus will be on speaking and listening where we will be reading poems from 'Cosmic Disco' by Grace Nicholls all to do with Space! We will be performing poems from the book using appropriate tone, intonation and volume.

Finally, we will be writing an explanation text to answer the following question - "What is causing climate change?" which will link in with our next book this half term called Varmints.

Science

In Science this term children will be learning about 'Earth and Space' through our enquiry question 'Will we ever send another human to the moon?'

Children will mainly learn about the Sun, Moon and Earth and the movement of the Earth and planets within the solar system relative to the Sun.

We will also learn about the rotation of the Earth and how this explains night and day as well as looking at how seasons are created.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing with our work in decimals. We will then move on to learning about negative numbers and focusing on the use of these in context.

We will then look at units of measurement with a focus on converting between different units. Our final unit will look at volume and calculating the volume of 3D shapes.

Weekly homework will continue to be set to consolidate the learning taking place in class in our maths units. Regular practice on TT Rockstars will also help to keep multiplication facts sharp.

Geography

In Geography we will look at the causes of climate change, the consequences it has on Earth and investigate how it can be reduced. We will create personal action plans to promote change in our community.

In Computing this term, we be continuing to explore SCRATCH to investigate inputs and outputs, combine loops and selection statements and variables and trying to create our own sound meter.

Computing

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be revisiting Christianity. We will be exploring the following question; "What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?"

This term, we look at how to stay safe online including: analysing news presented in the media and potential bias in information read on line; echo chambers and whether the internet makes us happy.

Citizenship

D&T

We will be researching, designing and making our own bags around a design brief. We will learn different sewing stitches, thinking about where to use them, as well discussing different types of fabric and sustainability.

In Spanish this half term we will be continuing our unit about music. We will listen to and learn to sing Spanish music from different cultures, finally writing and performing our own Spanish rap.

Spanish

Music

This half term we will reflect on our learning so far this year and learn songs for the Y5 Choir to support the Year 6 leavers performance.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. Children will be given a sequence of 6 activities to complete one each week to consolidate and extend the learning within the geography and history unit. Children will have weekly spellings set to learn on Spelling Shed which follow the spelling pattern that will have been taught in school. These will be tested in school on Friday. Children will also be set a google quiz as their maths homework – children can access this using their Google Classroom account. We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home..



PE

In one of our PE sessions, we will be building up the skills to play to cricket match on Tennyson field and sharpening up our rounders skills. In our second PE session, we will be learning how to play a game of Tennis.