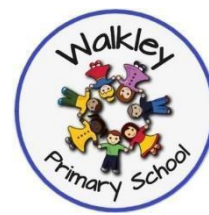


Year 5
Spring 2
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'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.

8th March: Halle Orchestra trip for both classes.

Forest School: week beginning **11th March**

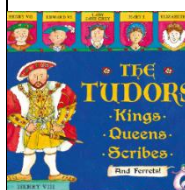
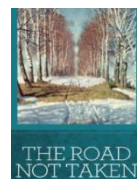
Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!



English

In **English** this half term we will be preparing our **report writing** by reflecting on the year so far.

This will be followed by a unit on **classical poetry**; in particular, Robert Frost's infamous poems '*The Road not Taken*' and '*Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*'. We will be analysing and performing the poems and then use them as models to write our own poems.

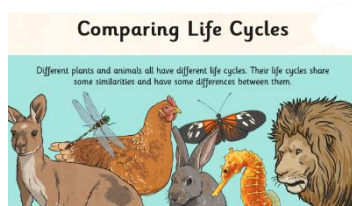


In the final two units, children will be using the knowledge they have gained from their learning in history. We will be writing a **formal biography** on **King Henry VIII**

followed by writing a **playscript** detailing a key event in Tudor history.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing with our unit on **Living Things and their Habitats**. In this part of the topic, we will be looking at the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.



The next unit is **Humans including Animals**. This topic focuses on describing the changes as humans develop to old age.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about decimals and percentages. We will also have learning units on perimeter and area, and statistics.

We will be:

- Finding equivalent fractions and decimals including tenths, hundredths and thousandths
- Ordering and comparing decimals
- Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and to 1 decimal place
- Understanding percentages
- Finding equivalent percentages, fractions and decimals
- Finding the perimeter and area of polygons and compound shapes
- Drawing and interpreting line graphs and tables

History

In history this term we will be continuing with our topic on **Sheffield: Forged in the Past**. In this topic we will be studying life in Sheffield during the Tudor period and contrasting it with life in the city after the industrial revolution to gain an understanding of how a settlement evolves over time.

Design and Technology

Our Design and Technology topic this term is **'Structures'**. We will:

- Look at different kinds of structure; *frame, shell* and *mass*,
- Build our skills in how to make a frame structure to suit a purpose,
- Designing and making a small indoor greenhouse for propagating seedlings.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning programming. They will use selection to change what happens in a program to meet conditions. Finally they will design and create programs using selection and infinite loops; using simple variables to keep score. We will be using the Scratch coding programme.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be exploring the following questions:

- How can I stay fit and healthy?
- Can I avoid getting ill?
- Where should I get my health information from?



Religious Education

In the context of the Easter story, we will consider the meanings of 'destiny' and 'free will'. We will also consider whether the evidence shows that God intended Jesus to be crucified and rise again, or whether the crucifixion was the consequence of the events of Holy Week

Spanish

In Spanish we will be continuing our topic about the Spanish artist Joan Miro. We will be discussing and writing sentences in Spanish about the artist and his works. We will also learn how to say our opinions and preferences.

Music

In music this half term we will be learning to sing 'Make you feel my love' by Adele. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Pop Ballads. We will also explore the lyrics and meaning behind the song, how the song makes us feel and what messages we can infer.

PE

We have two units in PE this term. We will be developing our movement, partner and performance skills in gymnastics. We will also be learning the rules and developing our skills in dodgeball.

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 at the start of each geography and history unit to complete one each week to consolidate and extend the learning within the 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.

