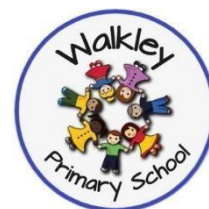


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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



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.

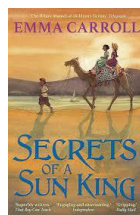
Friday 3rd November: Ancient Egyptian themed Weston Park Trip **for both classes.**

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



English

All of our English work this term links to our class book 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. To begin we are looking at the main character, Lilian, and writing letters between her and her Grandad who is in hospital. We will explore the emotions and motivations of the characters and focus on style, vocabulary and content of writing to achieve different levels of formality. We will then move onto writing a newspaper article, written in Ancient Egyptian times, about an event from the book. Finally, we will write a detailed setting description of the deserts in Egypt inspired by images of deserts.



Science

In Science, we will first wrap up our unit on Forces. We will then move on to our new topic for this half term: *The Properties of Materials*. We will:

- Compare and group materials in different ways based on their properties.
- Investigate how the properties of materials change.
- Explore reversible and irreversible changes.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be completing our unit on multiplication and division before starting a unit on fractions.

Multiplication and Division

We will be:

- Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000

Fractions

We will be:

- Finding equivalent fractions.
- Converting fractions.
- Comparing and ordering fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.

History & Geography

In **history** this term, we will be finishing off our topic on **Ancient Egypt** before moving on to our first **geography** topic on the **Commonwealth**.

Here we will:

- Discuss what the Commonwealth is and how it came about.
- Comparing life in the UK and countries and cities in other parts of the Commonwealth.

Design and Technology

Our Design and Technology topic this term is mechanical systems using cams. We will:

- Exploring how cams are used in children's toys.
- Build our skills in how to make a cam mechanism
- Designing and making toys that can be used by the children in early years.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning how to create a podcast. We will listen to extracts from different podcasts aimed at children before learning the skills needed to make our own podcasts.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we are beginning by looking at internet safety. We will then move onto discussion and activity-based lessons on the following questions:

Does everybody have the same feelings?
Should we be happy all the time?
Why do we argue?

Religious Education

In the context of the Christmas story, we will consider how 'true' could mean different things to different people and how stories can be 'true' in different ways. We will also consider how Christians believe that Jesus was the incarnation of God.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be continuing the topic about different games people play. We will be discussing and writing sentences in Spanish about the games we play and games played in South America. We will also learn how to say our opinions and preferences.

Music

In music this half term we will be learning about melody and harmony. We will appraise, sing, play, improvise and compose using a selection of different music. We will explore the voices that sing the melodies and the instruments used within the music in this unit to create the harmonies. We will also think about how music brings us together.

PE

We have two units in PE this term. We will be developing our skills in dribbling, passing and maintaining possession in football. We will also be learning the rules and developing our skills in volleyball.

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.

