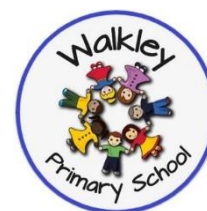


Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4
Spring 2 2024



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

Key Information and Dates

For the Charlies class, our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

For the Chayas class, our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

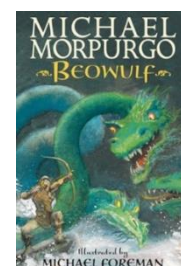
Chayas, please remember to bring your swimming kits on Mondays

Forest school is the week beginning 4th March.



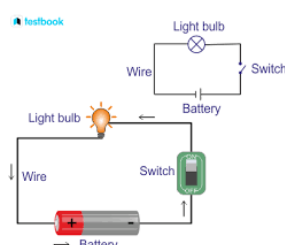
English

In English, we will study the wonderful book, "Beowulf" by Michael Morpurgo. We will explore the setting (Anglo-Saxon Denmark) and the author. We will look at different types of poetry, including kennings, and write our own poem. We will also write a newspaper article about the battle between Beowulf and the beast, Grendel.



Science

In Science, we will continue to learn about electricity. The children will create their own simple circuits with: cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be calculating the perimeter of different polygons. We will then move on to fractions, learning about equivalent fractions and how to convert, add and subtract fractions. Finally, we will begin to learn about decimal numbers.

Citizenship

We will be continuing to learn about online safety and how to protect private information. We will also be educating ourselves about the risks of 'fake news' and echo chambers.

Computing

In Computing, we will investigate how data is shared online? We will understand how computers are connected to the internet and look at how a website shares its data. Finally, we will collect data and share the information online.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be looking at Christianity. We will explore the Easter story through our key enquiry question: "Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?"

In Geography, we will be studying mountains. We will learn about the 5 main types of mountains found in the world, locate the world's best-known ranges and learn what contours are on a variety of maps.

Geography

Music

On Mondays, the Charlies will begin learning the violin with Sheffield Music Hub. The Chayas will be learning the song, "Mamma Mia" by ABBA, as well as appraising other songs and learning about improvisation.

In PE, the Chayas will begin their swimming lessons while the Charlies will get to grips with gymnastics. Both classes will also be dancing with Dazzle Dance Amy.

PE

Design and technology

In DT, we will be completing our 3D bird decoration. We will be creating a felt toy using the techniques we developed last term: stitching and sewing on buttons. We will then evaluate the final piece against our design criteria.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. 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.



History

Once we have completed our Geography topic, we will move on to our new History topic: the Anglo-Saxons. We will look at the in-fighting taking place in Britain at that time and consider the reliability of sources. We will look at significant figures during this time period. We will then look at Anglo-Saxon societal structure and compare Anglo-Saxon punishment to the modern-day justice system.