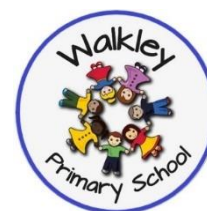


Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4
Spring 1 2022



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

Key Information and Dates

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

On Mondays, Charlies please remember to bring your swimming kits. After half-term, it will be the Chayas' turn to go swimming (letter to follow).

The Castleton residential will take place on 7th-9th February.

Forest School will take place next half-term, w/c 4th March.



English

In English, we are studying the wonderful book, "The Girl Who Stole an Elephant" by Nizrana Farook. We have looked at the setting, which is in Sri Lanka, and the author. This term we will write a playscript inspired by one of the book's chapters and then writing a non-chronological report on elephants.



Science

In Science, we will be learning all about electricity. We will begin by thinking about the everyday items that we use that use electricity and think about the difference between battery power and main power. We will also investigate with circuits looking at how to build a basic circuit and how this can be drawn and recorded. We will use our circuits to investigate conductors and insulators and problem solve when presented with circuits that are not working.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be:

- Continuing to learn to multiply and divide
- Understanding Length and perimeter
- Using, converting and adding Fractions
- Working with decimals

Furthermore, we will be learning CLIC skills and facts such as smile multiplication, counting along scales, developing efficient methods of addition and multiplication.

Geography	In Geography, we will continue our Rivers topic. We will study the features of a river and learn how ox bow lakes are formed. We will look at the main causes of flooding, how it affects people and what can be done to prevent it. We will locate key rivers of the UK and the world, and then focus in on a river closer to home.
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In Computing, we will be focusing on digital animation. We will research different forms of animation and make a stop motion short film at the end of term.	Computing
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Religious Education	In RE this term, we will be continuing to study Buddhism and explore the teachings of the 8 fold path. We will ask enquiry questions such as “Could the Buddha’s teachings make the world a better place?”, “Do humans change?” and “Would the Buddha’s teaching about right speech make the world a better place if most people tried their best to do this?”
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We will be continuing to think about community and where we feel a sense of belonging. We will be learning about online safety and how to protect private information. We will also be educating ourselves about the risks of ‘fake news’ and echo chambers.	Citizenship
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Design Technology	In DT, we will be studying textiles, focusing on creating a 3D object from 2D pieces. We will explore the techniques used to create soft toys and fabric decorations, develop our sewing skills. We will then design, make and evaluate a 3D bird decoration.
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In Spanish this half term we will be learning to count to 200, asking for classroom stationary, learning the Spanish alphabet and going shopping.	Spanish
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Music	On Mondays, Chayas will continue their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub. The Charlies will develop their musical skills on glockenspiels.
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PE	In PE, both classes will be learning the rules, skills and tactics of basketball. The Charlies will be enjoying the last few weeks of swimming. The Chayas will be doing athletics, developing their sprinting, jumping and throwing technique.
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Home Learning	
<i>Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Children will also be set a google quiz as their maths homework – children can access this using their Google Classroom account.</i> <i>We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home.</i>	
	