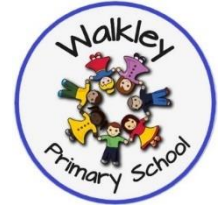


Year 6
Spring 2 2024

Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to wear your PE kit to school on these days. Earrings should be removed.

Saltmine Theatre Performance: Week 2 - 27th February

Forest School: Week 5 – w.b. 18th March



Science

This half term in Science, we will be learning about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms.

The children will build on previous learning by sorting animals into groups based on their similarities and differences. We will find out about the standard system of classification first developed by the scientist Carl Linnaeus. We will use this system to sort and classify living things. We will learn about different micro-organisms, and investigate the conditions that make yeast thrive.

English

In our English learning this term, we will be exploring the 'suspense' genre. We will read a range of texts which build suspense and analyse how the author achieves this purpose. After creating a suspense toolkit, the children will draft, edit and publish their own suspense stories using the animation 'Alma' as their stimulus. Our grammar focusses for this unit will be using high level punctuation, adverbials of time and place, as well as prepositions.

Following this, we will also be writing our own version on a Fairy Tale. We will read the classic versions of the stories by The Brothers Grimm and discuss how these fairy tales could be altered by authors like Neil Gaiman and Roald Dahl. We will then write our own version, focussing on adjusting the tone of our writing as the story progressed, expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and use appropriate dialogue.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering 3 different topics: Fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; shapes.

Our focuses will be:

- Decimal and fraction equivalents
- Fractions as decimals
- Understanding percentages
- Finding percentages of amounts
- Converting and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages
- Finding the area and perimeter of a shape
- Finding the area of a triangle and parallelogram
- Finding the volume of a cuboid
- Measuring and classifying angles
- Calculating angles
- Finding angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons
- Circles
- Nets of 3D shapes

History	<i>After finishing off our Geography topic on North America, we will be going back to where it began with the founding of the Jamestown settlement. From there we will learn about the treatment of slaves, natives, minorities and immigrants through the Civil War and Reconstruction, up to the modern-day.</i>	<i>In Citizenship this half-term, we will be looking at prejudice and discrimination. We will look at how to identify it in different forms, what to do if we see it in person, and how we can make sure that we aren't guilty of it ourselves.</i>	Citizenship
Religious Education	<i>During Spring 2, our RE focus will be upon Easter and how Christianity is still relevant 2,000 years on.</i> <i>We will look at the influence that the religion has had on British culture and faith helps to motivate good deeds.</i>	<i>Our music lessons this half term will be based around the song 'You've Got a Friend' by Carole King. We will listen and appraise a range of other songs by this artist. We will also be using our improvising, composing and performing skills.</i>	Music
Spanish	<i>In Spanish this half-term, continuing to appreciate the artwork on Joan Miro.</i>	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> 	
Revision	<i>This term, we have put additional sessions into the Y6 timetable to support pupils in preparation for the SATs in May. These will involve a mixture of revision of previous learning and test practice. This will be a supportive process for the pupils to ensure they are confident and fully prepared to take the tests in May. To ensure pupils received the full Y6 curriculum, some subjects will be taught as projects in the Summer term. If you have any questions regarding the SATs, please get in touch.</i>		