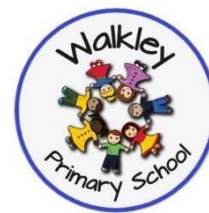


Year 6
Spring 2 2023

Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

Kensukes PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

War Horses PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please remember to wear your PE kit to school on these days.

World Book Day Celebrations 3.3.23

Forest school week for
Year 6 – week
beginning 6.3.23



Red Nose Day 17.3.23

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 modern versions of these - such as those written by Phillip Pullman, Bethan Woolvin and Neil Gaiman – and discuss how they have altered a classic fairy tale. 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.

PE

In PE this term we will be developing our hockey skills. We will also develop our hand-eye co-ordination by playing and learning the rules of golf.

Science

This half term in Science, we will be learning about the evolution and inheritance. We will discuss why fossils are so important when learning about the past and how some plants and animals are adapted to their environment. We will also explore how the offspring of living things vary from their parents. Following this, we will study Charles Darwin and explore how he developed his theory of natural selection. Finally, we will use all of our learning to explain the process of evolution by natural selection and present our findings to the rest of the class.

Maths

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

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
- Interpreting line graphs, dual bar charts and pie charts
- Finding the mean of a set of data.

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. 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, we will be learning the alphabet in Spanish. We will also learn how to ask and tell the time.</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>		