

Literacy

In literacy, we will be initially writing a letter to the Peak District Rangers thanking them for the day they provided for us and explaining what we learned on the trip and pledging the changes we are going to try to make to lessen our impact on climate change.

We will also be writing poetry to link with lifecycles in science and, as we move on to our theme of France, we will be writing biographies of Henri Matisse.

We will continue our SPAG (spelling and grammar) work, focusing on the use of a variety of punctuation and ensuring children are paragraphing their work accurately. We are also trying to develop the children's independent editing skills including using dictionaries to ensure the spelling is accurate.

Science

Our new science topic will be 'Could you be the next CSI investigator?' This topic will focus of the properties of different materials and how materials and change and behave. This will involve looking at solids, liquids and gases and investigating into dissolving, different ways of separating materials and looking at reversible and irreversible changes. A key element of the topic will be practical investigations.

Physical Education

We were very lucky last half term to receive some PE training where children got to develop some new skills such as boxing! The children really enjoyed these sessions. Because of this, children will be developing their net game skills in Summer 1 instead.

In the other session, children will be developing their athletics skills involving different running techniques, throwing and jumping skills.



Half Term Preview

SUMMER TERM 1

Class: Varjak Paws (Y5)

How You Can Help

Our class blog is being updated regularly with photos, work and useful links. We are also posting the weekly maths and spelling homework here. This is a great way for you to see what your child has been learning in school. Please feel free to share with friends and family and comment to let us know what you think!

<https://www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk/y5-varjak-paw/>

Remember, homework work is given out every Friday to be handed in by the following Thursday. Some children have already been awarded their silver certificate - well done!

Please also continue to listen to your child read and record this in their reading record so that they can take part in the reading race. It is really helpful to us if children bring this reading record into school each day.

Children are also encouraged to develop their speed of rapid recall of multiplication facts by playing TT Rock stars – each child has their own log in.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school for their PE sessions on Wednesday and Friday.

Numeracy

In CLIC this term, we will increasingly be dealing with decimal numbers and ensuring an understanding of place value. We will also be using techniques such as coin cards and where's Mully to make our calculations more efficient.

We will be focussing on angles which will include measuring and drawing angles using a protractor and identifying missing angles on a straight line and around a point. We will also move on to reasoning about 3D shapes.

We will also be moving on from our work on fractions to understanding decimals and percentages.

Creative Curriculum

Our new creative curriculum theme for the summer term is 'Vive la France', where we will be learning all about the country of France and some of well-known landmarks and artists that are from there. We will be looking at the landmarks of Paris incorporating design and technology into recreating the spire of Notre Dame, as well as using the art work of Monet and Matisse to inform our own art works.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will begin to start working on producing our own animations, starting with creating an animated life cycle using Scratch.

French

Children are learning to ask and answer questions in French and respond appropriately to the responses they receive.

Ask your child to teach you the conversation they have built up so far – regular practice is really useful!