

Literacy

Our work in literacy will continue to link to the learning in the wider curriculum and science. We will be writing stories and poetry linking to our creative curriculum theme.

We will also finish off our Tudor theme with a report, using lots of historical facts to highlight our outstanding knowledge on the subject.

A focus throughout all of our writing is to ensure we are using technical vocabulary to ensure our writing is authentic.

We will continue our SPAG (spelling and grammar) work, including understanding grammatical terms such as: modal verb, relative pronoun; relative clause; parenthesis, bracket, dash; cohesion and ambiguity.



Half Term Preview

Autumn TERM 2

Class: Varjak Paws (Y5)

Numeracy

In CLIC this term, we are continuing to develop our mental methods of calculating.

We will be developing our written methods for multiplication and division to enable us to deal with much larger numbers. We will then be looking at calculating the perimeter and area of 2D shapes.

We will also be looking at statistics and developing our understanding of data, through reading graphs and tables, and interpreting timetables.

Science

Initially, we will be completing our learning on space by looking at the moon and its phases.

We will then move on to our forces topic – 'Can you Feel the Force?' During this topic, we will be researching into the different forces acting on objects. We will also be investigating the effect of different forces by carrying out experiments where we will record and interpret the results. We will also look at how mechanisms can increase the effect of a force.

Physical Education

Next half term, children will be taking part in circuit training. This will involve the children rotating round a range of activities designed to improve their level of fitness. Children will try and improve their own performance each week.

In our other PE sessions, we will be learning ball skills with a focus on basketball. We will use the learnt skills in mini games and drill activities. A strong focus of the topic will be on working co-operatively and team work.

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 are well on their way to achieving the bronze certificate in the next half term.

Children all have a home school reading record. Please use this to record when you have listened to your child read in order for your child to change their book regularly and to enable them to take part in the class reading race.

Your child will also have their own login to the TT Rock starts website. This is a new initiative that school have invested in to encourage children to learn their times table through online games. We will be setting battles over the next half term so please encourage your child to take part.

Creative Curriculum

We will be launching our second theme of 'Sheffield' with an artist study of Joe Scarborough and his representations of our home town.

We will also be investigating how Sheffield has changed over time and who the people of Sheffield are; through the use of census data.

As part of our exploration of Sheffield, we will be writing songs and poems to encourage more people to visit our wonderful city.

Computing

This half term we will be creating interactive stories and games using Scratch. We will learn specific techniques using Scratch tutorials and will then apply these independently in our own projects.

French

We have already learned how to greet each other and know the colours in French. We will continue to develop our knowledge of numbers in French and will also work on holding a short conversation.