

Year 3
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

It's a busy and exciting half term!

 **Forest School** – w/c Monday 28th April

 **Greek Day** – Friday 3rd May

PE lessons will continue to take place on:



 **Aslans:** Wednesday and Friday

 **Borrowers:** Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!



English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the poem *'The Spider and the Fly'* by Mary Howitt. We will be taking part in a variety of drama activities and will be writing a letter to the fly to warn her not to trust the devious spider. We will also be reading and responding to the Usborne Greek Myths Book, a wonderful collection of six classic Greek myths and legends. These include the stories of 'The Wooden Horse', 'The Minotaur' and 'The Odyssey', as well as a guide to the Greek Gods. We will be practising writing in paragraphs around a theme when writing a character description of Medusa.

We will also enjoy reading a range of texts linked to our History topic, *Groovy Greeks*, including the fun poetry book 'Falling out of the Sky: Poems about Myths and Monsters' and 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse'.



Science

In Science this half term, we will start our next topic, 'Brilliant Bodies'. We will:

- identify some of the bones in the human body and learn that we need bones for support, protection and movement.
- investigate a chosen question
- set up a practical enquiry
- identify how humans use muscles and how we need muscles for support, protection and movement
- identify other animals that have bones
- explore how animals, including humans, need the right type of nutrition.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will also be starting our topic *'Fantastic Fractions'* where we will learn how to:

- compare and order unit fractions
- count up and down in tenths; recognising that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10
- recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators

We will also be looking at Mass and capacity, where we will learn to use scales, convert grams and kilograms and millilitres and litres. We will also compare different masses and volumes.

History

In History, we will be starting our next exciting topic 'Groovy Greeks'. We will study evidence from ancient Greek pots to learn about the Olympics in early Greece, compare what life was like in Athens and Sparta and consider what made Alexander the Great a significant leader. We will also have our Greek Day (3rd May) where the children are invited to come dressed as an Ancient Greek.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at the artworks of Delita Martin and learning some of the printing techniques that she uses in her art works. We will be experimenting with monoprinting and relief printing before designing our own print block to create a Delita Martin inspired artwork.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be learning the basics of coding, using the program, Scratch. We will be learning what an algorithm is and programming code in short loops. We will then have the opportunity to use what we have learned to program our own characters.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. We will look into the importance of keeping our private information safe online and how friends behave with kindness and respect, both in the real and online world.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be returning to Hinduism, and considering the Hindu belief that Brahman be everywhere and in everything.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning new vocabulary for pets and classroom objects as we continue to develop our conversational skills.

Music

In music this half term, the Aslans will be continuing with their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub.

The Borrowers will be learning the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be preparing for Wimbledon as we learn how to play tennis! We will be developing our racket and ball control and learning how to hit forehand and backhand strokes.

We will also be learning how to play cricket. We will practise overarm throwing and catching, learn how to bowl underarm and overarm and develop our batting technique.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

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. 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.

Children will also be set as google quiz as their maths homework – children can access this using their Google Classroom account.

We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home.

