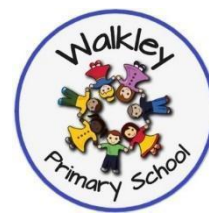


Year 3
Spring 2
2023-24

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 26th Feb
-  **World Book Day** – Thursday 7th March 2024
-  **Halle Orchestra Trip** – Friday 8th March 2024
-  **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** – Tuesday 19th March

PE lessons will continue to take place on:



-  **Aslans:** Wednesday and Friday
-  **Borrowers:** Tuesday and Thursday

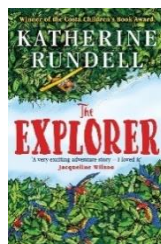
Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

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

English

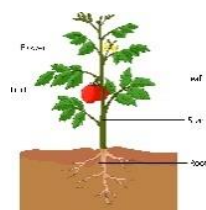
In English this half term, we will continue with our book study of *The Explorer*, by Katherine Rundell. We will research one of the rainforest's cutest inhabitants, the sloth, in order to write our own fact files.

We will then be exploring the Greenpeace advert '*There's a Rangtan in my Bedroom*' and the ongoing debates surrounding deforestation. We will be learning how to write persuasively in order to save our precious rainforests.



Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning all about plants! We will:



- identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers
- explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant
- investigate the way in which water is transported within plants
- explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing to focus on 'Multiplication and Division'. We will be practising:

- multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with exchange
- dividing a 2-digit number with remainders
- solving scaling problems

We will also be learning about length and perimeter and will be practising:

- measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting lengths in m, cm and mm
- measuring the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes

Keep up that super times table practise at home!



Geography

In Geography, we will be continuing our adventure '*Exploring the Rainforest*'. We will be learning about the water cycle, the Amazon River, groups of people who live in the rainforest and the global issues around deforestation.

We will also be learning about 'Brilliant Brazil' and the city of Rio de Janeiro where we will contrast the different regions within the city.

Design Technology

In Design Technology, we will be preparing our very own '*Super Sandwiches*'. We will be learning about different food types and what makes a balanced diet. After exploring existing products and learning different cutting techniques to prepare ingredients, we will plan and prepare our own sandwiches.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will explore different ways in which data can be presented and will learn about databases and how they are used. We will use this knowledge to create a class database about rainforest animals.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be continuing to discuss how we can help the people around us. We will make links with our previous learning in Y2 Geography concerning plastic pollution.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the concept of forgiveness, using key events in the Easter story and understanding why Jesus' crucifixion symbolises hope for Christians.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning new vocabulary for colours and fruit and building these into our daily conversations.

Music

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

The Borrowers will be learning the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. They will also be learning to accompany the song on the glockenspiel and will be composing our own musical accompaniment.

PE

It's Y3's turn to *Dazzle Dance*! Our next dance will take inspiration from the vibrant Rio Carnival.

We will also be learning how to play tag rugby. We will be practising our passing, tackling and scoring skills, and developing our agility and our understanding of defending in order to play competitively.

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.

