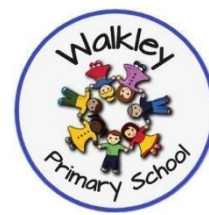


Year 3
Spring 1
2023-24

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

PE lessons will take place on:



 **Aslans:** Wednesday and Friday

 **Borrowers:** Tuesday and Thursday

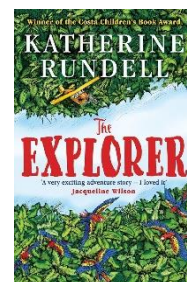
Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

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



English

In English this half term, we will cover a range of different genres in our writing linked to our new class text, *The Explorer*, by Katherine Rundell. First, we will explore the dramatic opening of the narrative. After acting out the events, we will take on the role of one of the children in the plane in order to re-write the opening from a different perspective. We will then move on to learn about descriptive writing and will be creating setting descriptions for the tropical rainforest.



We will also enjoy reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to the rainforest.

Science

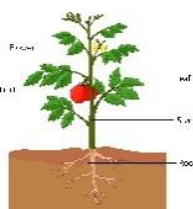
In Science this half term, we will be continuing to explore 'Light and Shadows'.



The children will undertake investigations so they can begin to;

- Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an object
- Find patterns in the way that the size of a shadow changes.

We will then move onto our next exciting topic all about plants! We will be learning how to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants.



Maths

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

- using arrays to multiply
- multiplying by 3, 4 and 8
- making equal groups by sharing
- making equal groups by grouping
- multiplying by 3, 4 and 8
- multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with exchange
- dividing a 2-digit number with remainders
- solving scaling problems

Keep up that super times table practise at home!



Geography

In Geography, we will be starting our exciting new topic '*Exploring the Rainforest*'. We will be learning where the rainforests are located and the importance of the equator and the tropics and what the climate is like. We will also learn about the different layers of the rainforest, including the animals and plants that live in each, and how we can protect them.

Design Technology

In DT this half term, we will be learning about shell structure products. We will explore and disassemble a range of products to investigate how they are made. We will develop skills in scoring, cutting out and assembling nets to make 3D shapes. Following this, we will apply our skills to design, make and evaluate our own shell structure for a celebration chocolate box.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will continue creating an electronic composition to accompany a video game. We will then begin to explore different ways in which data can be presented. This will continue next half term when we will learn about databases and how they are used.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning new vocabulary for the months of the year and continuing to learn how to count up to 31 so that we can talk about birthdays!

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be exploring how Christian beliefs about God, the world and others have an impact on their lives.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be continuing to discuss how families might change over time. We will also be considering how we can help the people around us.

Music

In music this half term, the Borrowers will enjoy their final block of violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub.

The Aslans will be learning about reggae music and will be exploring the song '*Three Little Birds*'. We will also be composing our own instrumental accompaniment.

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.



PE

This half term, we will be learning about to play golf. We will explore different hitting techniques, improving our shot accuracy, putting and chipping

We will also be learning how to play netball. We will be practising our passing and shooting skills and developing our movement and our understanding of defending in order to play competitively.