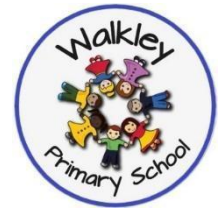


Year 3
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

🌳 Y3 Forest School Week 🌳

Monday 27th November - Friday 1st December

PE lessons will take place on:



Aslans: Wednesday and Friday



Borrowers: Tuesday and Thursday

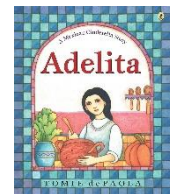
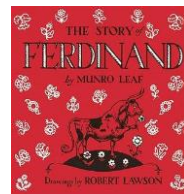
Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

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



English

In English this half term, we will be exploring rhyming poetry and composing and performing our own 'Sounds of the Stone Age' poems. We will then enjoy reading the story of '*Ferdinand the Bull*' where we will be taking on the role of the outraged matador! After exploring the character using drama, we will be writing a diary entry. Our third piece of writing will be a traditional tale with a twist inspired by Adelita, the Mexican Cinderella story. We will also enjoy reading a range of Mexican themed texts including a biography about Frida Kahlo, the song lyrics 'A World of Colour', 'The Rain Player' and 'The Chocolate Tree'.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about '*Light and Shadows*'.



We will:

- recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes
- recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object
- find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing with our work learning about 'Addition and Subtraction' and will move onto 'Multiplication and Division'.

Addition and Subtraction:

We will consolidate our learning for mental addition and subtraction before moving on to learning more formal methods including column addition.

Multiplication and Division:

We will first recap our learning from KS1 looking at multiplying by 2, 5 and 10. We will then explore multiplying by 3, 4 and 8.

History & Geography

This half term, we will be starting our exciting new topic '*Hola Mexico*'. In Geography, we will be learning about the country Mexico including its location and human and physical features. Alongside this, in History, we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation.



Art

In Art this term, we will be completing our *Fabulous Frida* project. We will be studying the work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and developing our own painting skills including colour mixing. We will apply these skills in order to create our own tropical themed self-portraits.



Computing

In Computing this half term, we will learn how to use digital media as musicians. We will begin by exploring how music makes us feel. Following this, we will learn how we can create musical loops and how we can adapt the speed and sound of a piece of music. We will use these skills to compose our own piece.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be considering the questions '*Do families always stay the same?*' and '*Are all families like mine?*'. We will explore the stories '*When my parents forgot how to be friends*', '*Badger's Parting Gifts*' and '*Under my Hijab*'.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about Christian beliefs and exploring Christmas traditions.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning how to ask and tell someone your name and say how old you are.

Music

In music this half term, the Borrowers will continue their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub.

The Aslans will be learning the song '*Three Little Birds*'. We will also be learning to accompany the song on the glockenspiel and will be composing our own musical accompaniment.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be developing our gymnastics skills.



We will also have Dazzle Dance lessons and will be learning a traditional Spanish dance, *flamenco*!

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.

