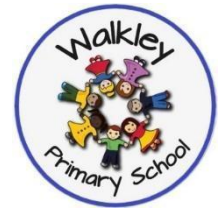


Year 3
Autumn 1
2023-24

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

On **Tuesday 26th September** we have an exciting visit from *The History Van* and will be taking part in a 'Surviving the Stone Age' workshop.



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Monday 2nd October - Friday 6th October

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.

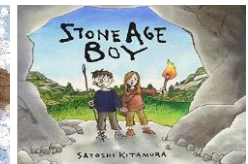
Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!



English

We will be kicking the year off exploring our exciting class books *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'* and *'The Borrowers'*. We will be writing setting descriptions inspired by the books.

As we begin our exciting history topic *'Surviving the Stone Age'* we will explore a range of texts including *'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'* and *'Stone Age Boy'* and will be learning how to write a clear set of instructions and learn how to punctuate direct speech ready to write out own portal stories. We will also enjoy reading a range of Stone Age poetry, *'The First Drawing'*, and *'24 Hours in the Stone Age'*.



Science

In Science, we will start our first topic, *'Forces and Magnets'*. We will:



- compare how things move on different surfaces
- observe how some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance
- observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials
- describe magnets as having two poles
- predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about 'Place Value' and 'Addition and Subtraction'

Place Value:

We will practise recognising and partitioning numbers up to 1000 and representing numbers in different ways including using a numberline. We will learn how to find 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a given number and will be comparing and ordering numbers.

Addition and Subtraction:

We will be practising mentally adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s to 3-digit number and exploring the concept of exchange.

History

In History, we will be starting our first exciting topic '*Surviving the Stone Age*'. We will learn about prehistory in Britain and discover what life was like through each of the main time periods of the Stone Age, right through to the Iron Age. Children will find out about civilisation started, how agriculture became a huge driving force and how different metals such as bronze and iron changed the way we interacted with each other.

Art

In Art this term, we will be focusing on our drawing skills. We will be exploring the ancient art in the Lascaux caves. We will be developing our artistic skills such as adding tone and texture and then improving our observational skills, whilst drawing Stone Age animals. We will vary our media through the use of charcoal and will create drawings that appear 3D.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will learn how to create a successful poster using the Chrome Books. We design our own posters, based on the idea of '*How to be a good friend*'. We will then use PowerPoint to create our own posters.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be talking about '*What makes a good friend?*' and considering the question '*Are all friends the same?*'. We will explore the stories '*Be Kind*' and '*Ramadan Moon*'.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about Hindu beliefs and exploring the festival of Diwali.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning how to greet people at different times in the day and how to count.

Music

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

The Aslans will be learning the song '*Let Your Spirit Fly*'. 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 playing football. We will develop our control of the ball when dribbling, changing direction, passing and defending in order to compete in a tournament.

We will also develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping. Pupils will develop their ability to change direction with balance and control.

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.

