

Literacy

In literacy next half term we will begin with a unit on poetry. This will involve reading, evaluating and analysing existing poems and learning about some literary devices used for effect such as similes and metaphors. We will then be using this knowledge to write our own descriptive poems.

We will also be looking at traditional tales with a twist, starting with the Mexican Cinderella story, Adelita. The children will use this to structure their own rags to riches narratives.

We are currently focussing on all children being able to join their handwriting and already have some children who have achieved a silver pen licence.

Science

We will be continuing with our topic How Can Usain Bolt Move so Quickly? We have already started looking at what food humans need to stay healthy and how this food is processed and used by the body.

We will also learn about how we use muscles and the skeleton for movement.

To tie in with our work in PE, we will then be looking at the effect of exercise on our bodies and comparing ourselves to Usain Bolt!

You could help your child by looking at the nutritional information on food packets to examine the nutritional value of different foods.

Physical Education

Next term we will be focusing on handball, learning the catching and throwing skills, finding out the tactics needed and following the rules of the game.

In the other PE sessions, children will be taking part in circuit training. This will involve the children rotating round a range of activities designed to improve their level of fitness. Children will try and improve their own performance each week.



Half Term Preview

SPRING TERM 1

Class: Aslans (Y3)

How You Can Help

We have organised a trip for the Aslan class to fit in with their work on the ancient Mayan civilisation. We will be sending out details of this to you in the New Year.

Our class blog on the new website is being updated regularly with photos, work and useful links. This is a great way for you to see what your child has been learning in school. Please feel free to share with friends and family.

www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk/y3-aslan/



Please continue to ensure your child has their PE kit in school for their PE lesson. These will return to being on a Tuesday and Friday. Having a full PE kit ensures children can take part fully in the lessons.

Children will continue to receive weekly homework activities every Friday to support learning in literacy and maths.

Thank you for your continued support with all our homework tasks, we have had a record number of year 3 children achieving their bronze spelling award already. Keep up that hard work!

Numeracy

In maths next half term we will be continuing to focus on measures, looking at money and units of measurement.

We will also be continuing with our fantastic fraction work by counting up and down in tenths and learning that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts.

We will continue to look at written methods of calculating using large numbers. Ask your child to show you the methods we have learnt so far for addition, subtraction and multiplication.

Creative Curriculum

We will be continuing our learning about the Ancient Maya into next half term. We will be publishing our information texts as well as learning about Mayan art and the history of chocolate!

We will then return to modern Mexico where we will be studying the artist Frida Kahlo. We will be continuing our weekly cooking sessions and will be learning about traditional Mexican dishes.

We will be preparing Mexican bean burgers to further extend our cooking techniques.

The children have been making fantastic progress with their Spanish and will be learning numbers up to 31 and how to tell someone when their birthday is.

Computing

We will be learning coding and the basic ideas of computer programming.

We will learn how to give instructions to change the position and direction of characters on screen.

When there are ways to follow and extend learning by using websites on the internet at home, we will blog the links for you.