

**Year 4
Summer 1
2023**

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

For Foxes class our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

For Charlies class our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

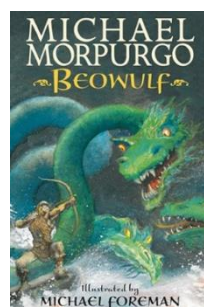
On Mondays, Charlies please remember to bring your swimming kits.

Forest school is the week beginning 17th April.



English

In English, we are continuing to study the wonderful book, "Beowulf" by Michael Morpurgo. We are now analysing the second story, "The Sea Hag" and focusing on how to use direct speech and adverbials of time and frequency when describing characters in this ancient tale.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about "What happens about the food we eat?". We will conduct investigations and experiments on how to protect our teeth. Additionally, we will look why animals' teeth differ. Also we will explore the digestive system and food chains.

Maths

In maths this term, we will continue to focus on learning all our times tables in preparation for the national Y4 test in June. We will also be getting to grips with decimal numbers. This will then lead us into counting money in decimal form and solving problem. Finally, we will be reading and solving problems involving time.

History

In History, we are learning all about how different tribes from northern Europe made Britain their home after the Romans left in 410 AD. We will look at these groups became the Anglo Saxons, why we call this period "The Dark Ages", what life was like and how the Anglo Saxons have influenced Britain to this day.

In Computing, we will be continuing to investigate how data is shared online. We will understand how computers are connected to the internet and look at how a website shares its data. Finally, we will collect data and share the information online.

Computing

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be discovering more about the teachings of Buddhism. Our key enquiry question is, "What is the best way for a Buddhist to live a good life?" We will explore what means to be "good" and the teachings of the eightfold path. We will also be visiting the Buddhist centre in Walkley to ask questions and learn more.

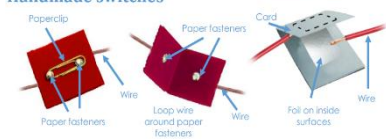
Citizenship

We will discuss and investigate "Are we happy all the time?" as well as "How do we stop getting ill?". Additionally, the children will continue to look at e-safety such as sharing information and how to communicate online.

Design and technology

In DT this term we are continuing to design, make and evaluate a "Steady hand" electrical game using home-made switches and circuits.

Handmade switches



Spanish

In Spanish this half term we will be learning about how to say the weather and make a TV forecast! We will also begin to learn how to say the time in Spanish.

Music

On Mondays, Foxes will continue their drumming sessions with Sheffield Music Hub. The Charlies will learn about the song, "Black Bird" by the Beatles. The class will learn how to perform the song vocally and learn and improvise how to play the glockenspiel to this gospel soul classic.

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 a 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

In PE, the Charlies will continue their swimming lessons while the Foxes will be learning how to play tag rugby. Both classes will also learn basketball.