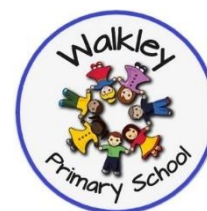


**Year 4
Spring 1
2022**

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

For Charlies class our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. (changed from last term)

For Foxes class our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

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

Forest school is the week beginning 12th December.



English

In English, we are studying the wonderful book, "The Girl Who Stole an Elephant" by Nizrana Farook. We have looked at the setting, which is in Sri Lanka, and the author. This term we will write a playscript inspired by one of the book's chapters and then writing a non-chronological report on elephants.



Science

In Science, we will be learning all about electricity. We will begin by thinking about the everyday items that we use that use electricity and think about the difference between battery power and main power. We will also investigate with circuits looking at how to build a basic circuit and how this can be drawn and recorded. We will use our circuits to investigate conductors and insulators and problem solve when presented with circuits that are not working.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be:

- Continuing to learn to multiply and divide
- Understanding Length and perimeter
- Using, converting and adding Fractions

Furthermore, we will be learning CLIC skills and facts such as times multiplication, counting along scales, jigsaw numbers and coin multiplication.

Geography	In Geography, we will continue our Rivers topic. We will study the features of a river, locate key rivers of the world and conduct fieldwork on a river by analysing its speed and depth. Finally, we will look at the increasing issue of floods and how people are affected by it.
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In Computing, we will be focusing on digital animation. We will research different forms of animation and make a stop motion short film at the end of term.	Computing
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Religious Education	In RE this term, we will be continuing to study Buddhism and explore the teachings of the 8 fold path. We will ask enquiry questions such as “Could the Buddha’s teachings make the world a better place?”, “Do humans change?” and “Would the Buddha’s teaching about right speech make the world a better place if most people tried their best to do this?”
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We will be continuing to investigate and learn about online safety by learning about echo chambers and protecting private information. We will also look at physical and mental health and well-being.	Citizenship
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Art	In art, we will be studying sculpture. We will look at famous artists and learn about different sculpture techniques. Finally, we will produce sculptures from a variety of media.
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In Spanish this half term we will be learning to count to 200, asking for classroom stationary, learning the Spanish alphabet and going shopping.	Spanish
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Music	On Mondays, Charlies will continue their drumming sessions with Sheffield Music Hub. Furthermore, Foxes will develop their glockenspiel skills.
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PE	In PE, both classes will be dancing with Amy from Dazzle Dance. The Foxes will be swimming while the Charlies will be learning the rules, skills and tactics of basketball.
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Home Learning	
<i>Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Children will also be set a google quiz as their maths homework – children can access this using their Google Classroom account.</i> <i>We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home.</i>	
	