

Literacy

The Y3s have made a fantastic start with their Literacy work this year. As we begin 2020, we will consolidate our geographical knowledge of Mexico by writing a travel brochure designed to advertise a holiday in Mexico using key geography vocabulary.

After this, we will be reading and exploring the story of Adelita – the Mexican Cinderella story. Children will then create their own traditional tales set in the Spanish Speaking world.

Finally, we will show off what we have learned about the Mayans by writing a non-chronological report that could fit in a history book.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns that are taught in conjunction with handwriting as we develop a fluent and consistent joined script.

Science

We will be continuing with our topic *Light*. We will be trying to answer our big question 'How Far Can You Throw Your Shadow?' with an investigation into what makes shadows bigger or smaller.

We will then be starting our new topic *Rocks and Soils*, in which we will learn all about how the world is made up. We will explore mountain ranges, earthquakes and volcanoes and even how fossils are formed.

Physical & Social

Next term we will be doing Tag Rugby which will be led by Arches coaches and Circuit Training.

PE next half term will be taking place on Monday and Friday afternoons. All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: earrings and watches must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.

During PSHE, we will continue to explore how we can look beyond stereotypes in the media.



Half Term Preview

SPRING TERM 1

Class: Aslans (Y3)

How You Can Help

Our class blog on the school 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.

<https://www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk/autumn-2-hola-mexico-1/>



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

It is essential that children regularly practice their multiplication tables. To make this more engaging, we encourage children to practise through Times Table Rockstars.

Thank you for your continued support with all our homework tasks and supporting your child with their reading, it was a huge achievement to have the whole class achieve their Bronze spelling awards. Keep up that hard work Aslans!

Miss Morecroft and Miss Wieczorek

Numeracy

All maths lessons will continue to follow a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach to develop children's conceptual understanding and mastery each area of maths.

Following our work on the 3, 4 and 8 times-tables, we will be exploring division, including remainders, using grouping.

After this, we will be focusing upon telling the time in English and Spanish. This will include reading from analogue and 12-hour digital clocks, as well as solving problems involving the calendar.

Our weekly *TT Rockstars*, *Big Maths...Beat That!* and mental maths sessions will consolidate number facts calculation strategies and help children to work more quickly and accurately.

Creative Curriculum

¡Bienvenido a México!

Year 3 are going to be continuing to explore this unique country. Children will learn about the ancient Maya civilisation and how their environment, beliefs, architecture and mathematical knowledge made the Maya one of the most sophisticated ancient civilisations.

We will be continuing our weekly cooking sessions and preparing a variety of Mexican dishes using a range of cooking techniques.

Computing

In Computing, children will begin to explore how video is produced by helping to make and starring in their own Walkley news broadcasts.

Children return to school on **Monday 6th January 2020.**

The last day of school before the half-term break will be **Friday 14th February 2020.**