

Literacy

We will be starting the new half term by reflecting on our achievements in Year 3 so far. We will be writing our school reports and setting targets for the rest of the year.

Following this, we will be reading and performing rainforest poems before writing our own acrostic poems based on the tropical world of the Amazon rainforest.

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. Handwriting continues to be a focus this half term with our daily handwriting sessions. We hope to be awarding some silver pen licenses soon!

Science

Next half term, we will be continuing with our exciting Science and Geography topic, **Extreme Earth**. We will be learning about volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes and furthering our understanding of how these occur,

We will also be looking at the uses of different types of rocks and what makes them suitable for their purpose. We will be reading about palaeontologist Mary Anning as we learn about the process of fossilisation.

As we enter the Amazon rainforest, we will be learning about the life cycle of plants and what they need to grow.

Physical and Social

One PE topic this half term will be Netball. We will continue building our skills both as attacking and defending players as well as refining our shooting skills. We will also be doing a dance unit linked to our Extreme Earth topic! PE will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** this half term.

During PSHE, we will continue to explore how to behave responsibly online.



Half Term Preview

SPRING TERM 2

Class: Aslans (Y3)

How You Can Help

Our class blog on the school website is regularly updated 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/spring-1-hola-mexico-1/>



The Aslans will continue to receive **weekly homework** activities every Friday to support their learning in Literacy and Maths.

They are brilliant at regularly practising their multiplication tables and have won many battles on TimesTable Rockstars as a result. By the end of Year 3 children should be able to recall facts for their **2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables**.

Thank you for your continued support with all our homework tasks and supporting your child with their reading. We hope the reading skills bookmarks are a useful tool

Keep up that fantastic 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.

Our new unit in maths will be **Fantastic Fractions**. We will be learning how to calculate fractions of amounts, find equivalent fractions and look at tenths as an introduction to decimal numbers.

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

Creative Curriculum

Year 3's time in Mexico has sadly come to an end but our next adventure will take us into the exciting continent of **South America**.

We will be delving into the depths of the **Amazon rainforest**. We will be learning how to locate the equator, tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the rainforests on a world map whilst understanding the climate and structure of the rainforest. We will be learning about the effects of deforestation and the impact humans are having on the world's rainforests. We will be exploring the sounds of the rainforest in music and will be starting our new DT focus, textiles!

Key Dates

Halle Orchestra Trip
Friday 6th March 2020

Las Iguanas South American Adventure Workshop
Monday 9th March 2020