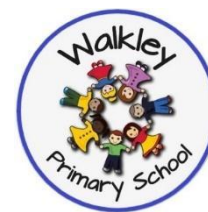


**Year 5
Summer 1
2025**

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

PE lessons will take place on:



Hiccups: Wednesday and Friday

Sun Kings: Tuesday and Friday

Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

Bank Holidays:

18.4.25

21.4.25

5.5.25

**Week beginning 28.4.25 –
Forest School week**



Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!

English

In Literacy, we will be starting to read a new book 'Street Child' written by Berlie Doherty. Street Child tells the story of a boy called Jim who, after a series of misfortunes, spends time in the workhouse as a child labourer and lives on the streets. We will produce three pieces of writing inspired by this book.

First, we will write a diary entry from the perspective of Jim (the main character) at a disastrous point in his life. Our second piece of writing will be a balanced argument which focuses on the question: Should Jim try and escape from the Workhouse?

Later in the book we are introduced to an appropriately named character 'Grimy Nick'. Our third piece of writing will be a character description of him.

Science

In Science this term children will be learning about 'Earth and Space' through our enquiry question 'Will we ever send another human to the moon?'

Children will look at the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system as well as studying the movements of the moon. Children will explore the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

This topic also has good links to our next English unit where we will be reading and writing about the solar system.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will initially be learning about statistics with good links to the science curriculum. We will then look at shape with a focus on angles including using protractors to measure and draw angles. We will continue our shape work looking at coordinates, translation and reflection. We will end the term with a focus on understanding decimals.

Weekly homework will continue to be set to consolidate the learning taking place in class in our maths units. Regular practice on TT Rockstars will also help to keep multiplication facts sharp.

History & Geography

We will be beginning a new geography topic on learning about modes of transport, how they have changed over time and how they impact people's lives around the world.

In Computing this term, we be using Crumbles to investigate and create programs to simulate the control of physical systems (input. process, output).

Computing

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will continue our focus on Christianity, looking at the key enquiry questions 'How do Christians decide how to live?' and 'What would Jesus do'?

This term, we will have a focus on understanding how to keep ourselves safe on the internet including protecting our identities including personal information on line and understanding control and consent.

Citizenship

Art

We will be studying the work of William Morris and Molly Mohan to create our own prints using repeated patterns.

In Spanish this half term we will be exploring Spanish music and communicating our opinions.

Spanish

Music

This half terms unit will be focused around the Motown song: Dancing In the Street by Martha and The Vandellas. We will learn the lyrics while finding the pulse, rhythm and pitch to play instruments alongside the song.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. 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 one of our PE sessions, we will be doing athletics. Each week we will focus on a different athletic event and will try and beat our own personal scores. In our second PE session, we will be developing a dance with Dazzle Dance Amy about journeys though space – our next science topic.