

Literacy

The Y3s have made a fantastic start with their Literacy work this year. So far, they have written a diary entry, a setting description and a persuasive letter.

In Literacy next term, we will be writing a recount of the exciting Mexican festival 'Dia de los Muertos' following our experience day on Monday 4th November.

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.

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.

Mantle of the Expert Geography / History / Art

¡Bienvenido a México!

Year 3 are going to be exploring this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals such as the popular 'Dia de los Muertos'.

They 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.

Science

Our first Science topic *Forces*, including *Magnetism* draws itself to a natural conclusion during Autumn 2 with a look at how magnets act over distances.

As we enter Winter, our new Science topic will take a look at *Light*.

We will explore different light sources and how different materials reflect and obscure light in different ways. We will also look at how we use the properties of light to make our everyday lives easier.



Half Term Preview Charlies Year 3

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Dates for your diary

Y3 Day of the Dead Experience
Monday 4th November 2019.

Charlies Class in Forest School
Monday 11th-Friday 15th November 2019

Christmas Fayre
Friday 29th November 2019

The last day of school before the half-term break will be Friday 20th December 2019.

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 Place Value, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers using an expanded column method for addition and a number line for subtraction. Next half term, we will be moving onto multiplication and division.

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

Computing

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

How You Can Help

Our homework will be given out every Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Please ensure your child completes any work set. You can find all our homework on our class page.



It is also important for all children to continue to read regularly at home. Children now have a **Reading Record**. We would like you to sign this to indicate what they have read each night.

We encourage children to try to read a range of more challenging texts including newspapers and internet based articles. Please reinforce the importance of discussing each book upon completion in order to improve your child's ability to enjoy and evaluate a story.

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



PE takes place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: Earrings and watches, etc must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.

We appreciate your continued support as we work together to encourage the best from our Walkley children.

Physical / Social / RE

In PE, we will be doing gymnastics. We will be learning about the different body shapes and balance.

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