

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.

Mantle of the Expert Geography / History / Art

¡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.

Science

Our Science topic next half-term will be *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.



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Dates for your diary

Children return on Monday 6th January 2020.

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

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 learn to work more quickly and accurately.

It is essential that children practise their **Learn Its** at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

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 Monday 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 Tag Rugby and Circuit Training.

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