

Year 3
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

This half term, we have two exciting trips coming up!

Halle Orchestra Trip: Friday 10th March

Yorkshire Wildlife Park: Tuesday 14th March

Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days.

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



English

In English this half term, we will be continuing to read our class text, *The Explorer*, by Katherine Rundell. We will research one of the rainforest's cutest inhabitants, the sloth, in order to write our own fact files. We will also explore rainforest poetry and will be writing our own list poems '10 Thing in an Explorer's Rucksack'. Finally, we will use our powers of persuasion to share important information about deforestation and what we can do to help save our beautiful rainforests.

As well as reading the Explorer, we will also enjoy reading a range of texts linked to the rainforest including *The Great Kapok Tree*, *There's a Rangan in My Bedroom* and *A First Book of Animals*.

We will also be reflecting on our achievements and progress so far this year in order to write our school reports.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning all about plants! We will:

- identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers
- explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant
- investigate the way in which water is transported within plants
- explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division. We will be practising:

- multiplying by 3, 4 and 8
- multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with exchange
- dividing a 2-digit number with remainders
- solving scaling problems

We will also be learning about length and perimeter and will be practising:

- measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting lengths in m, cm and mm
- measuring the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes

Geography

In Geography, we will be continuing our adventure '*Exploring the Rainforest*'. We will be learning about the water cycle, the Amazon River, groups of people who live in the rainforest and the global issues around deforestation.

We will also be learning about 'Brilliant Brazil' and the city of Rio de Janeiro where we will contrast the different regions within the city.

DT

In DT this half term, we will be learning about shell structure products. We will explore and disassemble a range of products to investigate how they are made. We will develop skills in scoring, cutting out and assembling nets to make 3D shapes. Following this, we will apply our skills to design, make and evaluate our own shell structure for a celebration chocolate box.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will explore different ways in which data can be presented and will learn about databases and how they are used. We will use this knowledge to create a class database about rainforest animals.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be continuing to focus on discussions around Online Safety. We will be thinking what information we share online and how we behave towards others.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the concept of forgiveness, using key events in the Easter story and understanding why Jesus' crucifixion symbolises hope for Christians.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning new vocabulary for colours and fruit and building these into our daily conversations.

Music

In music this half term, the Aslans will be starting their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub.

The Borrowers will be learning the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. They will also be learning to accompany the song on the glockenspiel and will be composing our own musical accompaniment.

PE

It's Y3's turn to *Dazzle Dance*! Our next dance will take inspiration from the vibrant Rio Carnival.

We will also be learning how to play tag rugby. We will be practising our passing, tackling and scoring skills, and developing our agility and our understanding of defending in order to play competitively.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

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 as 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.

