

**Year 3
Borrowers
Autumn 2
2022**

Walkley Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

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

Forest school week for Year 3 – week beginning 05.12.22



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

English

In English this half term, we will cover a range of different genres in our writing. After publishing our portal stories inspired by the book, *Stone Age Boy*, we will be writing and performing rhyming poems based on the sounds of the Stone Age. We will then be exploring the story of '*Ferdinand the Bull*' where we will be taking on the role of the outraged matador! After exploring the character using drama, we will be writing a diary entry. Our third piece of writing will be a non-chronological report about the 'Marvellous Maya' linked to our next History topic. In reading, we will be enjoying a range of texts linked to our topics which will give us the opportunity to practise our reading skills. We will be continuing to focus on improving our handwriting.

Science

In our next Science topic this half term, we will be exploring 'Light'. The children will undertake investigations so they can begin to;

- *Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.*
- *Notice that light is reflected from surfaces.*
- *Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.*
- *Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object.*
- *Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.*

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be covering the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning how to:

- mentally add 1s, 10s and 100s
- mentally subtract 1s, 10s and 100s
- add 3-digit numbers using column addition
- subtract from a 3-digit number using a numberline to find the difference
- use estimation to check our answers
- use arrays to multiply
- multiply by 3, 4 and 8
- make equal groups by sharing
- make equal groups by grouping

History & Geography

In History, we will be continuing our learning about the Stone Age. We will focus on how people used tools and searched for food, leading us into significant changes that led to the Bronze Age and Iron Age.

In Geography, we will be learning about biomes, focusing on the tundra. We will learn about the plants and animals that live there and how they are adapted to the climate.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will learn how to create a successful poster using the Chrome Books. We design our own posters, based on the idea of 'how to be a good friend'. We will then use PowerPoint to create our own posters.

Please ensure that your child can login to Google Classroom using their password to enable them to access computing lessons.

Religious Education

Our new RE topic this half term is focused on 'Incarnation', in the context of the Christian Christmas story. We will be exploring and discussing what Christians believe to be the 'real' meaning of Christmas.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be learning about families and friendships. We will discuss how families can change and differ from each other. We will also be looking at what makes a good friend and how friendships can also change over time.

Design Technology

In DT this half term, we will be designing, making and evaluating 'Super Sandwiches'. After looking at existing products, we will learn how to hygienically prepare a range of ingredients which we will also taste test. We will then design and make our own healthy sandwich for a busy day of learning.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, our topic will be 'Meet and Greet' We will be learning language to help us introduce ourselves when we meet someone new and share how we are feeling.

Music

In music, we are continuing with our specialist provision from the Sheffield Music Hub, using violins. We will continue to progress onto using bows to play the violin.

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.



PE

Our exciting PE lessons this half term will include learning Flamenco dance with Miss. Burton from Dazzledance!

The other session will be gymnastics-based, focused on simple, controlled rolls and jumps.