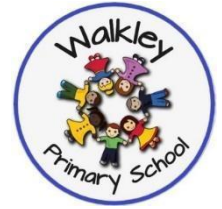


Year 6
Spring 2
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates



World Book Day 2025:
Thursday 6th March

Y6 Crucible Theatre Visits:

Kensukes: Thursday 13th March
Tygers: Friday 14th March



Red Nose Day 2025: Friday 21st March

PE lessons will continue to take place on:



Tygers: Wednesday and Friday
 Kensukes: Monday and Thursday

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



Easter holiday:

Monday 31st March – Friday 11th April

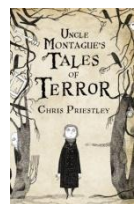
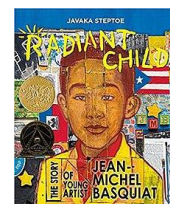
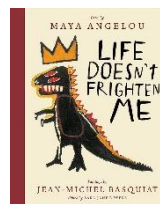
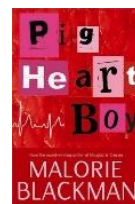
Next half term: **KS2 SATS Week**

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

English

We will begin this half term by reflecting on the year so far in order to write our school reports – a great way to celebrate our achievements and progress! Following this, we will explore traditional tales...with a twist! We will be writing newspaper reports and practising shifting between different levels of formality.

In Reading, we will explore the poem 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' by Maya Angelou to complement this half term's art project - the illustrations of this wonderful book were created by Jean-Michel Basquiat. We will also read 'Radiant Child' to learn more about the artist's life. Following this, we will be practising supporting our responses using evidence from the text.



Science

This half-term in Science, we will be continuing with our study of the human body, focusing on the circulatory system.



Following last half term's dissection with Mrs Goff, we will consolidate our understanding of how the heart and lungs work together to provide our bodies with the nutrients needed for survival.

By the end of the unit, children will be able to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

Maths

In Maths, we be covering three different topics: 'Fractions, Decimals and Percentages', 'Area, Perimeter and Volume' and 'Statistics'.

We will be:

- Finding decimal and fraction equivalents
- Understanding percentages
- Ordering fractions, decimals and percentages
- Finding percentages of amounts
- Calculating the perimeter of different shapes
- Finding the area of triangles and quadrilaterals
- Finding the volume of cuboids
- Interpreting and constructing line graphs, bar charts and pie charts
- Calculating averages



History

After finishing off our Geography topic studying North America, we will be going back to where it began with the founding of the Jamestown settlement. From there we will learn about the treatment of slaves, natives, minorities and immigrants through the Civil War and Reconstruction, up to the modern-day.

Art

This half term, we will be exploring the world of street art. We will learn about the life and work of Brooklyn artist Jean-Michel Basquiat alongside other famous street artists. To complement our project, we will also take part in a formal debate to communicate different opinions about art. *Graffiti: Art or Vandalism?*

Music

Our music lessons this half term will be based around the song 'You've Got a Friend' by Carole King. We will listen and appraise a range of other songs by this artist. We will also be using our improvising, composing and performing skills.

Citizenship

In Citizenship this half-term, we will be focusing on how we can be great citizens and how, in doing so, we can make a positive impact on the world around us. We will also be discussing what makes us feel like we belong and the concept of community.

Physical Education

In PE this term we will be developing our understanding of the attacking and defending principles of an invasion game: hockey. We will focus on how to use skill, strategy and tactics to outwit the opposition.

In our second session, we will be learning about Street Dance. We will be practising key steps before choreographing our own routines.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about Christianity and exploring why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah. We will explore the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible. We will learn how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways when celebrating Christmas and Easter.



Revision & Home Learning

This term, we have put additional sessions into the Y6 timetable to support pupils in preparation for the SATs in May. These will involve a mixture of revision of previous learning and test practice. This will be a supportive process for the pupils to ensure they are confident and fully prepared to take the tests in May. To ensure pupils receive the full Y6 curriculum, some subjects will be taught as projects in the summer term. If you have any questions regarding the SATs, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Home learning will continue to be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. This includes 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 continue to read regularly at home. To extend the learning within their next History unit, children will also be given a sequence of activities to complete.

