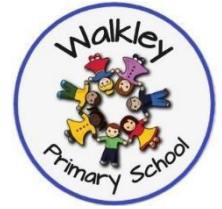


Year 6
Autumn 2
2024-25

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

Children In Need
Fundraiser:
Friday 14th Nov.



Y6 Edale Residential:

Parent Meeting – Thursday 21st November

Residential - Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th Feb

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.

🎄 Christmas holiday: 19th
December – 3rd January



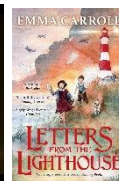
🌳 Y6 Forest School 🌳
Monday 6th – Friday 10th January

English

We will begin the half term exploring an animated short 'The Piano'; this will form the focus of a short narrative focusing on careful language choices to describe characters and settings.

Later, we will study poems written by soldiers during the world war, including *Dolce et Decorum Est* and will study *Rose Blanche* by Roberto Innocenti and Ian McEwan.

In Reading, we will be exploring a selection of diary entries from the world-famous diaries of Anne Frank. Following this, we will be studying the book '*Letters from the Lighthouse*' by Emma Carroll.



Science

In Science, we will be building on our knowledge of '*Light*' previously studied in Y3. Children will be taught to:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

Maths

In Maths this half term we be studying '*Fantastic Fractions*'. We will first explore equivalent fractions in order to simplify fractions. We will then look at the addition and subtraction of fractions and apply these skills to solve problems. Following this, we will move on to multiplying and dividing fractions by integers.

$$\frac{8}{16} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

🎵 *Fractions are simple if you know where to begin..!*

History

In History, we will continue our exploration of WW2. We will look at how the war affected the people Sheffield and the wider world.



Art

In Art, we will be concluding our 'War in Watercolours' topic by creating our final pieces inspired by the artists studied last half term.



Geography

In Geography this term, we will be studying North America; focussing in on the USA. We will use a range of maps and data to investigate its human and physical geography. We will also be looking at the impact of tourism in Disneyland, Florida and research examples of sustainable tourism.

DT

In DT this term, we will design and make our own electrical systems. We will investigate the electrical circuits and programming needed to make an alarm as we make our own to fit a design specification.

Computing

Supporting our DT topic, we will continue to look at the practical side of programming as we explore physical processes, such as how automatic doors or traffic lights work.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be looking at what makes a good friend and discussing different stereotypes we come across, as well as the impact of them on ourselves and our friendships.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about Hinduism. We will be considering the question 'Why do Hindus try to be good?' And learning about karma, dharma, samsara and moksha.



Spanish

In Spanish this term, we will be learning about 'El medio ambiente' – the environment. We will revise talking about the weather before considering 'Las Tres Erres: Reducir, Reutilizar y Reciclar' – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Music

In Music, we will be playing instruments and improvising to classroom jazz. We will also be appraising the songs Bacharach Anorak and Meet the Blues.



PE

In PE this term we will be developing Handball skills. We will be also exploring popular dances of the 1940s with Amy from Dazzle Dance.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. Children will be given a sequence of 6 activities to complete (one each week) to consolidate and extend the learning within their geography or 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.

