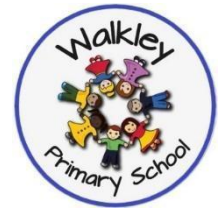


Year 3
Autumn 2
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

🌳 Y3 Forest School Week 🌳

Monday 2nd December – Friday 6th December

PE lessons will take place on:



Aslans: Wednesday and Friday



Borrowers: Tuesday and Thursday

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

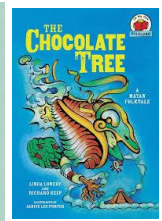
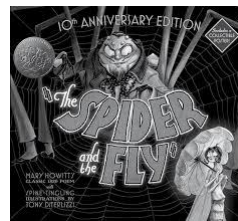
Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 2:30pm on Fridays - please come along to celebrate!



English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the poem *'The Spider and the Fly'* by Mary Howitt. We will be taking part in a variety of drama activities and will be writing a letter to the fly to warn her not to trust the devious spider.

We will also enjoy reading a range of Mexican and Mayan themed texts including a biography about Frida Kahlo and the song lyrics to 'A World of Colour'. We will use our knowledge to write a biography of Frida Kahlo and a narrative based on the Mayan folktale 'The Chocolate Tree'.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about *'Light and Shadows'*.



We will:

- 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 an opaque object
- find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing with our work learning about 'Addition and Subtraction' and will move onto 'Multiplication and Division'.

Addition and Subtraction:

We will consolidate our learning for mental addition and subtraction before moving on to learning more formal methods including column addition.

Multiplication and Division:

We will first recap our learning from KS1 looking at multiplying by 2, 5 and 10. We will then explore multiplying by 3, 4 and 8.

History

This half term, we will be starting our exciting new topic '*Marvellous Mayans.*' We will be learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. We will start with the discovery of Mayan ruins by the Spanish conquistadors and then learn about Mayan life and legacies.



Art

In Art this term, we will be completing our *Fabulous Frida* project. We will be studying the work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and developing our own painting skills including colour mixing. We will apply these skills in order to create our own tropical themed self-portraits.



Computing

In Computing this half term, we will learn how to use digital media as musicians. We will begin by exploring how music makes us feel. Following this, we will learn how we can create musical loops and how we can adapt the speed and sound of a piece of music. We will use these skills to compose our own piece.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be talking about '*What makes a good friend?*' and considering the question 'Are all friends the same?'. We will explore the stories '*Be Kind*' and '*Ramadan Moon*'.



Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be carrying on our learning about Hinduism and exploring the question "What do Hindus believe God is like?"

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning how to ask and tell someone your name and say how old you are.

Music

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

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

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

In PE this half term, we will be developing our gymnastics skills.

We will also have Dazzle Dance lessons and will be learning a traditional Spanish dance, *flamenco*!

