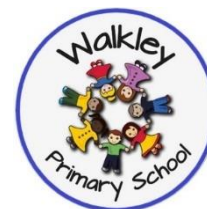


**Year 5
Spring 1
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Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

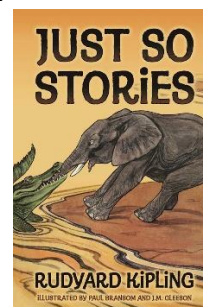
Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to wear your PE kit to school on these days.

Forest school will be Thursday 12.1.23 and Friday 13.1.23.



English

Our focus book this half term is 'Just So Stories' by Rudyard Kipling. This book features a number of small fiction stories such as "How the Elephant got its trunk" and "How the Camel got its hump". We will read these stories, make comparisons and discuss the use of vocabulary. These stories will inspire us to write our own Just So Stories. We will also be focusing on characterising speech to retell one story. Finally, we will read another text by Rudyard Kipling, a poem called "If" to inspire us to write our own poems.



Science

In Science this term children will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats' through our enquiry question 'Do all plants and animals start life as an egg?'

Children will learn about the lifecycles of different plants and animals and compare and contrast these. During the unit, children will study different plants including dissecting a flowering plant.

We will also learn about the work of naturalists, with a particular emphasis on the work of Jane Goodall, and discover how the work of these scientists has contributed to our understanding of the world today.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing fractions to:

- *Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers*

We will also start a multiplication and division covering:

- *Formal column method of multiplication*
- *Formal method for short division*
- *Using these methods to solve problems*

With Mrs Leverton, we will be looking at position and direction including translating shapes, using coordinates and symmetry. We will then move on to properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Geography	<i>In Geography this half term we will be locating countries which are part of the Commonwealth of nations. We will look at how this organisation was formed and who are its members. We will then focus on India as a comparison case study.</i>
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<i>In Computing this term, children will learn how to plan, create and edit their own radio advert or podcast using and editing software.</i>	Computing
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Religious Education	<i>In RE this term, we will be focusing on Sikhism where we will learn about their beliefs and moral values. We will read several Sikhs stories and understand why they are relevant to Sikhs.</i>
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<i>This term, we will look at our health and wellbeing focusing on mental and physical health. We will be answering questions such as "Does everybody have the same feelings?" and "How can I stay fit and healthy?"</i>	Citizenship
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D&T	<i>In Design and Technology this half term, we will be building up skills within textiles to design and make our own bag using different materials.</i>
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<i>In Spanish this half term we will be learning language to help us talk about our families. We will also learn the name of equipment in our classroom and how to say numbers 1-200.</i>	Spanish
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Music	<i>In music this half term we will be learning the lyrics to 'Make you feel my love' By Adele. We will then use instruments to link in with the song. Children will have opportunities to improvise their own music.</i>
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PE	<i>In one of our PE sessions, Y5 will be learning and choreographing steps to perform their own Bollywood dance. In our second PE session, children will participate in a range of fitness challenges to test and record their scores.</i>
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Home Learning	
<i>Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Children will also be set a google quiz as their maths homework – children can access this using their Google Classroom account.</i> <i>We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home.</i>	

