

Literacy

Literacy this half term will be focusing on descriptive writing. The children will read, analyse and compare the structure of a variety of written texts, and they will then produce their own writing using a range of prompts as starting points and in different genres. The children will continue to learn how their writing can create a mood and set a scene.

Throughout school we are still working on improving the standard of handwriting across the curriculum. In year 5 the aim continues to be that children write in a fluent and consistent joined script.

Weekly spelling tests will consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns



Half Term Preview

Class: Skywalkers (Year 5)

How You Can Help

Children will receive regular homework throughout the term for literacy, numeracy and spellings in order to consolidate class learning. Please check that your child understands the tasks and ensure that they complete the work set. It is also important for all children to continue to read regularly at home. We encourage children to try to read a range of more challenging texts including newspapers and internet based articles.

It has been really pleasing to see children adhering to the code of dress; we appreciate your continued support with this.

PE is on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. All children are expected to participate and must wear the appropriate kit. Ear rings and watches, etc must not be worn.

Physical / Social

Within our PE sessions we will be focusing on invasion games such as tag rugby and handball. This will involve developing skills of throwing, catching and scoring, gaining an understanding of the rules as well as working together as a team.

The PSHE topic for the half term is 'New Beginnings' and is about adapting to new situations.

Numeracy

Maths units this half term will cover place value, properties of numbers and written calculation methods. A main focus of this work will be applying these skills and methods to solving problems.

Mental calculation skills including multiplication facts, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages and place value will also be consolidated. It is important for children to regularly practice these skills.

Our weekly *Big Maths...Beat That!* and CLIC challenges will consolidate number facts calculation strategies and help children to learn to work more quickly and accurately.

Geography / History

In our Creative Curriculum, we will be building on our French teaching – looking at countries around the world with a French cultural and historical influence.

This will include the physical and human aspects of some of those countries from different continents.

In addition, we will consider some of the historical events that have taken place in these countries.

Class Charity

The Skywalkers class charity is World Bicycle Relief, an organisation which enables people in Africa to access health, education and economic opportunities using locally made bikes. More information can be found at:

www.uk.worldbicyclerelief.org



Science

The science topic for this half term is 'Can You Feel the Force?', with a focus on air resistance and friction. We will carry out investigations into both of these, working in small groups, accurately recording and reporting.

The highlight of this will be a trip to a factory that uses robots and computer-controlled machines to manufacture their products.

Arts / Technologies

Art work will also be based around the creative curriculum topic with the children producing landscape-based pieces of 2- and 3-dimensional art.

Languages

In Year 5, children at Walkley begin to learn French, including a look at France's culture and history.

Dates for your diary

16 & 18 Oct Parents Evenings

29 Oct – 2 Nov Half term holiday

Don't forget to come to our regular Friday afternoon Celebration Assemblies!