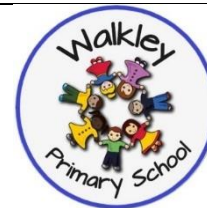


**Year 1
Spring 2
2024**

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

Anansi class

PE- please come in PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jolly Posties Class

PE: Please come in PE Kits on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Please have PE shoes kept in school.

Forest school-week of 15th April, (1st week back after Easter) please wear/bring lots of warm layers, waterproofs and boots/wellies but with suitable indoor shoes to change into.

Books!

Please ensure bookbags with reading records and your Read, Write Inc reading book are in school EVERY DAY, they are changed regularly and pupils use these books for reading in school. Please look after them!
Picture books are changed weekly on a Friday.

English/Read, Write, Inc

Children continue to learn set 1, set 2 and set 3 sounds in Read, Write, Inc groups according to their ability. They are then learning to blend and segment (read and spell) words using these sounds in order to read books and write sentences. They will bring home books which are linked to the books which they have read in school to practise at home. Their books will help them to practise the sounds which they are learning, the key green words containing these sounds and tricky red words. Please continue to read daily with your child to improve their confidence, fluency and comprehension skills. In writing children are learning to use full stops and finger spaces so that they can clearly read their writing. We are looking at writing a letter and how to ask and write questions. We are learning to form letters correctly starting at the top, ensuring they are the correct size and sat on the line.

Science

We will be learning about plants in Science this term. The children will learn about the different parts of a plant. They will also learn what plants need to survive and will plant seeds of their own, observing their growth and conducting an experiment to test what plants need.

Maths

In maths we will be working on Place Value to 50. This will involve grouping objects into tens and ones and recognising how many tens and ones are in a 2-digit number. They will also be working on estimating, using a hundred square and identifying one more and one less of numbers to 50.

Geography	<i>We will begin our Geography on villages, towns and cities once we have come to the end of our current History unit.</i>
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<i>In computing we will be learning about algorithms. The children will explore giving 'bee-bots' instructions. These are small robots in the shape of a bee.</i>	Computing
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Religious Education	<i>We will be continuing to learn about Christianity this term, specifically we will be learning Easter and Palm Sunday by exploring the enquiry question, 'why was Jesus welcomed like a celebrity on Palm Sunday?'</i>
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<i>This half term we are learning about keeping healthy and safe.</i>	Citizenship
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Art/DT	<i>In DT this half term we will be learning about sliders and levers. The children will learn about how these work, learn some key skills and will design and make their own for a purpose.</i>
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<i>We will be continuing looking at how Walkley has changed over the last 50 years and how lifestyles have changed from the 1960s to the modern day. This half term we will be exploring toys, music and schools from the past.</i>	History
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Music	<i>Round and Round – children will be working with this song to find the pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will explore the song using instruments.</i>
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PE	<i>In PE we will be developing skills in striking and fielding and gymnastics. The children will learn simple games and sequences involving these skills.</i>
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Home Learning	
<i>The most important home learning you can do at home is listen to your child read and keep a record in their reading diary.</i>	
<i>Maths homework should give you a taste of what we are learning this week in school.</i>	
<i>Spellings are published on Google Classroom and you can play spellings games on EdShed.</i>	
<i>Finally a creative orange book will have tasks to complete on a six weekly basis. These jobs can be done online or in the orange book.</i>	
<i>Homework is not compulsory, but should meet the needs of your child to help support their learning.</i>	