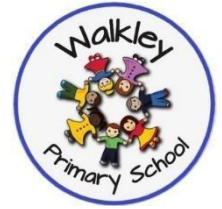


Year 6
Summer 1
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Key Information and Dates

Science trip to King Edwards:

Kensukes: Thursday 24th April 1-3:30pm

Tygers: Thursday 1st May 1-3:30pm

Y6 Breakfast Club

Tuesday 6th May – Friday 16th May



KS2 SATS Week

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

Monday – Paper 1: SPaG, Paper 2: Spelling

Tuesday – Reading Paper

Wednesday – Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic, Paper 2: RPS

Thursday – Maths Paper 3: RPS

PE lessons will continue to take place on:



Tygers: Wednesday and Friday



Kensukes: Monday and Thursday

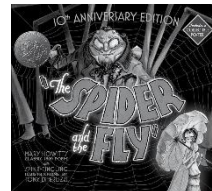
Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days and remove any jewellery.

English

'Will you walk into my parlour?' said the Spider to the Fly.

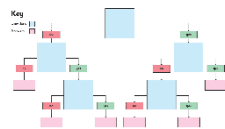
In English this half term, we will be exploring *'The Spider and the Fly'* by Mary Howitt. The poem is a cautionary tale against those who use flattery and charm to disguise their true intentions. We will revisit using dialogue within our writing to advance the action and convey character in order to convert a section of the poem into a narrative piece. We will also write letters in role, offering words of warning to other vulnerable insects.

In Reading, we will be continuing to practise applying our VIPERS reading skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising) and responding to questions, ensuring clarity in our answers and using evidence from the text to justify our responses.



Science

This half-term in Science, we will be learning about the classification of living things, including microorganisms.



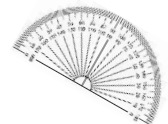
We will learn the names and characteristics of the main groups used to classify animals, plants and microorganisms. Children will learn to use a classification key and create their own key using yes/no questions. Children will investigate the question; Is yeast a microorganism? And conduct an experiment involving the respiration of yeast. They will produce a presentation about the life and work of Carolus Linnaeus and understand the importance of his standard classification system.

Maths

In Maths, we complete our two remaining topics: *'Shape'* and *'Position and Direction'*.

We will be:

- Measuring and classifying angles
- Calculating angles
- Learning about angles in a triangle
- Learning about angles in quadrilaterals
- Learning about the properties of a circle
- Exploring the nets of 3D shapes
- Reading and plotting points in four quadrants
- Solving problems with co-ordinates
- Translating shapes on a co-ordinate grid
- Reflecting shapes on a co-ordinate grid



History

In History this half term, we will be continuing to learn about the treatment of slaves, natives, minorities and immigrants through the Civil War and Reconstruction, up to the modern-day.

Art

This half term, we will be continuing with our street art project inspired by the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat and local Sheffield street artists. We will be designing and creating our final pieces.

Music

Our music lessons this half term will continue to explore the song 'You've Got a Friend' by Carole King. We will listen and appraise a range of other songs by this artist. We will also be using our improvising, composing and performing skills.

Citizenship

In Citizenship this half-term, we will be focusing on our health and emotional well-being. We will discuss healthy habits, including the importance of sleep, and learn strategies and techniques to help us cope with situations we find stressful.

Physical Education

In PE this term we will be developing our athletic skills, focussing on how to persevere to achieve our personal best.

In our second session, we will be following in the footsteps of local sports star, Matt Fitzpatrick, as we perfect our golf swing!



Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the question 'For Christians, what kind of king was Jesus?' This unit is all about trying to transform the world. We will consider some of the global problems faced today and what a better world would be like. We will look at connections between biblical texts and the concept of the kingdom of God learning how Christians put their beliefs into practise. We will also research how some people have made a difference to the world.

Revision & Home Learning

This half term, we will be continuing with our weekly revision sessions to support pupils in preparation for the SATs in May. These will involve a mixture of revision of previous learning and test practice. This will be a supportive process for the pupils to ensure they are confident and fully prepared to take the tests in May. To ensure pupils receive the full Y6 curriculum, some subjects will be taught as projects in the summer term. If you have any questions regarding the SATs, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Home learning will continue to be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. This includes 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 continue to read regularly at home. To extend the learning within their next History unit, children will also be given a sequence of activities to complete.

