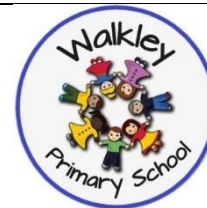


Year 1
Spring 2025

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 Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please have PE shoes kept in school.

Forest school-week of 20th January, 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 character description for Anna Hibiscus, writing a diary and information texts around fire fighters/safety. 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 seasonal changes in science this half term, which includes observing the changes in winter and learning about how animals adapt to the winter months.

We will also be learning about everyday materials. We will be naming, describing, sorting and comparing different materials, leading up to an investigation where we choose and test various materials.

Maths

In maths we will continue to learn the basics of addition and subtraction now from 10 to 20, ensuring we fully understand how to make teen numbers. Children will be continuing to use different maths models, such as a ten frame, part-part whole model and a bar model to help them visualise how numbers work. They will learn how to manipulate numbers to see the relationship between addition and subtraction in fact families. We will learn maths facts and instantly be able recall our bonds to 10 (such as 3+7 and 4+6) then use this to add and subtract to 20.

Geography	<i>We finished our geography topic about Walkley last term.</i>
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<i>In computing we will be learning how to make and use pictograms for data.</i>	Computing
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Religious Education	<i>We will be continuing to learn about Christianity this term, specifically we will be learning some stories about Jesus as a friend and considering whether it was always easy for him to be a friend.</i>
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<i>This half term we are learning about community, including our school and online and how we can make them happy and safe places to be.</i>	Citizenship
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Art/DT	<i>In Art we will be learning about printing. We will use different resources to print with and explore different ways of printing patterns. We will also look at artists who use print.</i>
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<i>We will be continuing to explore how the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot have affected the world that we live in today. We will also see how this fits on a history timeline and understand that history happened in the past.</i>	History
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Music	<i>We will be singing and exploring the musical styles of Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.</i>
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PE	<i>In PE we will be developing skills in sending and receiving different balls to improve aiming and passing skills. We will also have dance sessions in the dance studio.</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 half termly 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>	