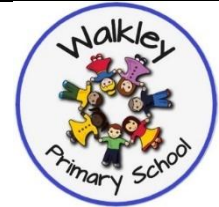


Year 2
Autumn 1
2026

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for this year.



Monday 14th September – Friday 18th September



We will have our first Y2 trip to the Botanical Gardens on **Wednesday 7th October** as part of our Science learning on habitats. A letter with more information will be sent out soon.



PE lessons will take place on:



Hedgehogs: Tuesday and Friday
Aeronauts: Monday and Friday

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



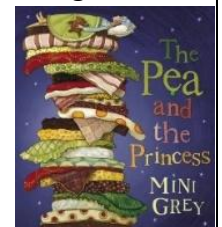
Our **Golden Award** assemblies will be every 2 weeks at 2:30pm on Fridays. Our first Golden Assembly will be on **Friday 18th September** - please come along to celebrate!

English

In Writing, the children will be reading animal stories such as 'The Hodgeheg' and 'Scaredy Squirrel'. We will also be developing our oracy skills when learning the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We will be recapping our knowledge from Year 1 and ensuring that all our letters are accurately formed and that each sentence has a capital letter and a full stop. We will also be developing our use of conjunctions such as 'and', 'but' and 'or'.



In Star Group we will be reading, "The Pea and the Princess." The children will be learning and improving our reading skills such as making predictions, summarising and retrieving information.

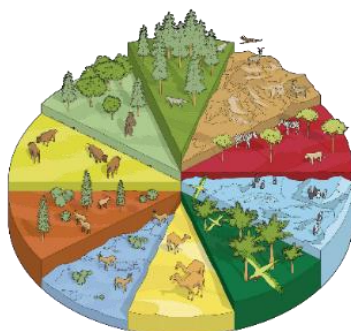


In Read Write Inc. the children will be continuing to learn their phonics in order to consolidate their reading skills.

Science

In Science, we are learning about living things and their habitats. We will be looking at different habitats around the word and the animals that inhabit them.

We will also explore the food chains which exist in different habitats.



Maths

In Maths this half-term we will be getting to grips with place value and begin to add 2-digit numbers.

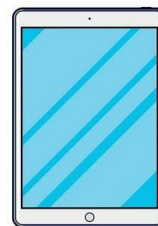
Lessons this term include:

- Counting to 50 and 100
- Learning the bonds to 10
- Using a place value chart
- Portioning numbers
- Estimate numbers on a numberline
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Add 2-digit numbers using base ten and numicon

The children are also doing a daily practise of Maths Mastery where they will use rekenreks.

History	This term we will look at some of most impressive inventions of the last 150 years. The children will look at the consequences of these inventions and how they have changed many people's lives. We will also improve our skills at reading and making time lines to understand events in chronological order.
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In computing, the children will be learning about digital photography. They will also learn how to take and edit photos effectively.	Computing
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Religious Education	The children will attempt to answer the question, "What is the 'good news' Christians believe God brings?" through looking at Christian teachings in the Bible and through the children expressing their own opinions and faith.
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In Citizenship, we will learn and discuss about our own feelings and empathise with others. We will be exploring key questions such as: <i>How can we have a happy school?</i> <i>Should friends tell us what to do?</i> <i>What makes me happy?</i> <i>How do we stop bullying?</i>	Citizenship
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Music	In the Aeronauts, we will be singing and playing instruments to the South African song "Hands, Feet, Heart". The Hodgehegs will be learning how to play the recorder with the Sheffield Music Hub
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PE	In target games this term we will be developing using the skills of overarm throwing, kicking and striking a ball at a target. In our second PE lesson we will be exploring and developing agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina.
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Home Learning	
Home learning will be set on a Friday to be brought in by the following Friday. Children will need to complete a spelling homework sheet to receive a tick on the home learning chart. Children will be awarded bronze, silver or gold home learning certificates when they have received 10, 20 and 30 ticks respectively. We also ask you to please read at home with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in their home school reading record. These will be checked each Friday. Please bring reading record in every Friday. Attached to this newsletter are some optional home learning activities for this half term. At the end of each half term, we will share the work children complete from the optional home learning menu.	

