

Year 5
Autumn 1
2026-27

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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



Key Information and Dates

PE lessons will take place on:



Hiccups: Tuesday and Friday

Wolves: Monday and Friday

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

Wednesday 30th September– Y5 trip to the “Horrible Histories: Awful Egyptians” show at the Lyceum theatre. (Late pick up at school 4.15)

Forest School – W/C 5th October

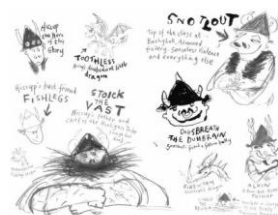
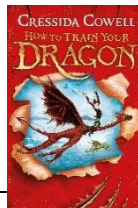
Our Golden Award assemblies are now every two weeks starting at 9.05 on the 11th of September.



English

All of our English Written work this term links to our class book ‘How to Train Your Dragon’ by Cressida Cowell. To begin this, children will explore the main characters in the story and write a character description. Children will use role-plays and improvisations in order to understand the characters.

We will then be writing our own set of instructions on how to take care of a dragon. Finally, we will write a letter to one of the characters to persuade them to take care of the dragon. We will be developing an understanding of formal writing in this final unit. In reading, we will be analysing “The Wolf in the Walls” and answering a variety of comprehension questions.



Science

In Science, we will begin this half term with the topic: *The Properties of Materials*.

We will:

- Compare and group materials in different ways based on their properties.
- Investigate how the properties of materials change.
- Explore reversible and irreversible changes.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering 3 different topics: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction and Multiplication & Division.

We will be:

- Working with numbers up to 1 million
- Practising and developing our mental and written addition and subtraction methods
- Applying these methods to multi-step problems
- Revising multiples and factors



History & Geography

In History this term, we will be studying Ancient Egypt. This will include examining the discovery and examination of King Tutankhamun's tomb.



Art

Our topic in art this term is sculpture. We will investigate the use of sculpture in Ancient Egypt. We will then explore different techniques to make a pot before learning how to use slip and score. These skills will then be applied to design and make our own lidded pot inspired by canopic jar designs.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about how we collaborate online. We will explore how to communicate in text and in images.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be learning about friendships, particularly what it means to be a 'good' friend.

Religious Education

In RE this half term we will be focusing on Christianity, considering What it means for Christians to believe that God is Holy and Loving.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will be recap key vocabulary and phrases learnt in Year 4. We will learn classroom language including verbs used for instructions. The rest of the unit is based around learning about games played in South America and making comparisons with our own favourite games.

Music

In music this term we will be learning about how Rock music developed from the Beatles onwards. Learning is focused around the song: Livin' On A Prayer. We will link games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic rock songs.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Children in Y5 will need to complete the online Maths Google Form and their Spelling sheet to receive a tick on the home learning chart each week.

We also ask you to please encourage your child to read regularly at home and share their new Reading Journal with you.

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 completed.



PE

We have two units in PE this term. We will be learning the skills needed for netball and also choreographing dances based on our topic of Ancient Egypt.