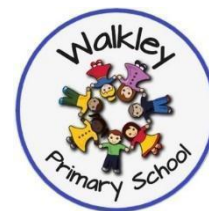


Year 6
Autumn 1
2026-27

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



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

Key Information and Dates

On **Monday 19th October** we have an exciting visit from *The History Van* and will be taking part in a 'How We Survived WW2' workshop.



🌳 Y6 Forest School 🌳

Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October

🚲 Bikeability 🚲

October 5th – 16th. We shared a letter with you last week. Please give consent through the QR code on the letter.

PE lessons will take place on:



🚧 **Lighthouses:** Wednesday and Friday

🌴 **Kensukes:** Tuesday and Thursday



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

Half term holiday: 26th – 30st October

English

We are kicking the year off with our campaigns for the school council. After analysing the features of an effective speech, we will be drafting our own speeches ahead of election day.

We will start reading one of our exciting Y6 class books '*Kensukes Kingdom*' where we will start to analyse characters' motives. In our English lessons, we will be writing a debate, a collection of letters and a non-chronological report linked to the text.



Science

In Science, we will be building on our knowledge of '*Electricity*' previously studied in Y4. Children will be taught to:



- associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
- compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
- use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be building upon our prior knowledge of place value and exploring numbers up to 10,000,000.

Following this, we will recap the calculation methods learnt in Y5 for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division before learning the long division method.

Finally, we will apply our calculation skills to reasoning and problem-solving questions, including those requiring multiple steps.



History

In History, we will look at the wider reasons for the World Wars, and how they affected the world and individuals by teaching about events on a global scale, as well as focusing on Sheffield to find out how those events affected daily lives of normal people.



Art

In Art this term, we will be exploring the artwork of British WWI artist Paul Nash and comparing his work with the work of American artist Horace Pippin. We will be focusing on developing our painting skills using watercolours in order to create our own wartime watercolour piece.



Computing

In this unit, children will have the opportunity to use all of the programming concepts previously learnt in a different, but still familiar environment, while also utilising and controlling a physical device — the **micro:bit**.

Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be looking at how family life can look different in different households, as well as covering fundamentals such as good sleep, personal hygiene and respect.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about how and why some people follow a religious faith, and others do not. We will identify and explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from and discuss the impact of this belief on how they live.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning 'All about Me'. We will be able to have a conversation about ourselves using adjectives, be able to write a short passage and start to use a Spanish dictionary!

Music

We will be exploring the song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams – a pop song with strong soul influence. As learning to sing the song, we will also explore playing along, improvising and composing using instruments. We will also be listening to and appraising a range of songs about being happy.



PE

In PE this half term, we will be developing our hand-eye co-ordination and teamwork skills through the team sports of Basketball and Tag Rugby. As well as learning the rules of both of these games, children will practise competitive fair play and encouragement.

Home Learning

Please see our updated [Home Learning policy](#). Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Children in Y6 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.

