Year 1 Autumn 2 2026

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**.*

Posties Class

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Winter Fair – Friday 27th November 2026

Forest School is 7.12.26. Please bring your outdoor warm and waterproof clothing and wellies/boots all week.

Please name ALL items of clothing for your child!

Your child needs a water bottle with water, a bag, reading record and their reading book in school each day please.

Read, Write, Inc

*Children will continue to learn **Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 sounds** in their Read Write Inc. groups, working at a level that is appropriate for them. They will practise using these sounds to **blend sounds together to read words** and **segment words into sounds to help with spelling**. Children will bring home books that are linked to the books they have been reading in school. Please continue to read with your child **every day**. Regular reading will help to develop their confidence, fluency and understanding of what they read. In writing, children are learning to use **finger spaces** and **full stops** so that their writing is clear and easy to read. We are also practising forming letters correctly. Children are encouraged to **start each letter in the correct place, make letters the right size and ensure they sit neatly on the line**. We are also developing children's **grip strength** through activities such as using pencils, scissors, playdough and other fine-motor activities, helping them to build the strength and control needed for writing.*

Science

We will continue to learn about animals and focusing specifically on humans over the next half term. We will learn the names for internal and external body parts and understand how our senses help us make sense of the world. We will also go outside as autumn turns into winter and record how our environment changes.

Maths

*In maths we will continue to learn the basics of **addition and subtraction to 10**, then also learning the name and properties of **common 2D and 3D shapes.** Children will be introduced to 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)*

History	*In history this half term we will be learning about the past and how historians work. We will be looking at notable events from the past including the story of Guy Fawkes.*

In computing we will be learning how to record pictures, videos and sounds using an iPad.	**Computing**

Religious Education	*We will be learning about Christianity and Christmas. We will look at the question: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?*

This half term we are learning about friendships. We will think about what makes a good friend and how to look after each other and work together.	**Citizenship**

Art/DT	*In DT we are researching, exploring, designing and making a free standing structure as an animal model. Donations of clean cardboard boxes/tubes would be appreciated for help with this project! Last term we focused on line drawing and shading in art.*

In English we will be looking at stories from other cultures such as Anna Hibiscus and Pattan's Pumpkin. We will read, play and write lots. We will focus on Capital letters and finger spaces.	**English**

Music	*We will be singing and exploring the musical styles of Reggae and Hip Hop.*

PE	*In PE we will be developing ball skills as well as developing an understanding of fitness Children will be working independently and in pairs to complete small challenges.*

Home Learning

*Please listen to your children read their Read Write Inc or home lending books **every day**.*

Each week our teachers will teach us 5 spellings. We will then practice these at home and bring them back in for our teachers to see and mark. On Friday we will have a spelling test to see if we have learnt how to spell these words.

Furthermore to this we have 4 separate jobs as part of our learning log to complete by the end of term.