Year 2
Autumn 2
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.

🌳 Y2 Forest School 🌳
Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November
Monday 4th January – Friday 8th January

🎾 **PE lessons** will take place on:



Hodgehegs: Tuesday and Friday
Aeronauts: Monday and Friday

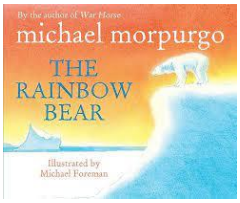
Please remember to wear your PE kit and suitable footwear to school on these days.

🌟 Our **Golden Award** assemblies will be every 2 weeks at 2:30pm on Fridays. Our first Golden Assembly this term will be on **Friday 13th November** - please come along to celebrate!

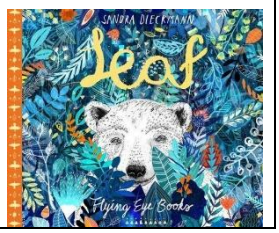
RWI and Star Group

In Read Write Inc. the children will be continuing to learn their phonics in order to consolidate their reading skills and the writing will be a range of genres linked to their reading book.

In Star Group we will be reading 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo.



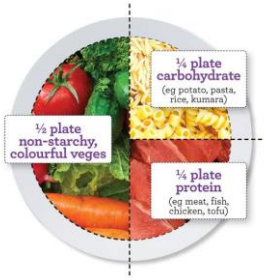
In our writing lessons, we will be focussing on the beautiful book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckman. We will be writing letters, writing a narrative and also be creating our own non-chronological report on polar bears. Our grammar focusses will be using expanded noun phrases, learning how to use the possessive apostrophe and using the progressive tense e.g. she is wait**ing** instead of she waits.



Science

In science, we are learning about animals including humans. We will be thinking about the life cycle of a human, the basic needs all animals need to survive.

We will also be looking at the importance of staying healthy, thinking about exercise, hygiene and having a healthy diet.



Maths

In Maths this half-term we will be finishing our learning about addition and subtraction and then move onto Geometry and shapes.

- Add three 1-digit numbers
- 10 more, 10 less
- Add and subtract 10s
- Add two 2-digit numbers
- Subtract two 2-digit numbers
- Mixed addition and subtraction
- Compare number sentences
- Missing number problems

Geography	*In Geography we will be heading to the land of the rising sun! We will be locating Japan on globes, atlases and maps as well as learning about the 7 continents of the world. We will look at the day in the life of a child living in London and a child living in Tokyo compare key human and physical features of both countries. Finally, we will compare the similarities and differences between the Japanese and British Royal families.*

The children will be introduced to stop motion animation and plan a movie after learning the key functions of a stop motion app. They will evaluate their animation and add sound to improve the storyline. We will then have a film festival in class where we will constructively review each other's work.	**Computing**

Religious Education	*In RE we will look at the question, "Who is a Muslim?". We will understand the word Shahadah and how important it is for Muslims. We will look at how stories about the Prophet show what Muslims believe about Muhammad. In addition, we will also look at prayer and finally we will prepare questions for our trip to Medina Mosgue in January.*

This term we will be continuing to learn to express our own feelings and listen to others. We will look at different examples of bullying, learn to empathise further with each other and discuss how we can stop bullying. We will also do projects on friendships and try to answer the question, "Should friends tell us what to do?"	**Citizenship**

Music	*In the Hodgehegss, they will be continuing their brilliant recorder lessons delivered by the Sheffield music hub, whilst the Hodgehegs will be learning the song, "I wanna be in a rock band."*

PE	*This term both classes are lucky to have Dazzle Dance with Amy We will also be focused on fitness where the children will begin to explore and develop agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina. Finally, we will develop perseverance and show determination to work for longer periods of time.*

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children will need to complete a spelling homework sheet to receive a tick on the home learning chart.

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.

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.