Year 3
Autumn 2
2026-27

# Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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

## Key Information and Dates

🌲 Y3 Forest School Week 🌲
**Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November**

**PE lessons** will take place on:



🦁 **Aslans:** Tuesdays and Friday
🐻 **Borrowers:** Wednesday and Thursday

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

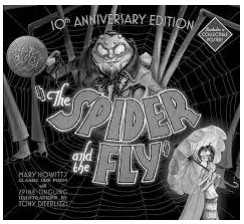
Our Golden Award assemblies will now be at 9:10am on alternate Fridays- please come along to celebrate!

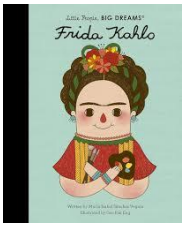


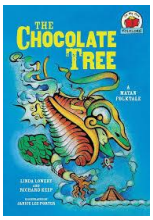

## English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the poem '*The Spider and the Fly'* by Mary Howitt. We will be taking part in a variety of drama activities and will be writing a letter to the fly to warn her not to trust the devious spider.

We will also enjoy reading a range of Mexican and Mayan themed texts including a biography about Frida Kahlo and the song lyrics to 'A World of Colour'. We will use our knowledge to write a biography of Frida Kahlo and a narrative based on the Mayan folktale 'The Chocolate Tree'.




## Science

In Science, we will be learning about '*Light and Shadows'*.



We will:

- recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes
- recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object
- find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

## Maths

In Maths this half term we will be continuing with our work learning about 'Addition and Subtraction' and will move onto 'Multiplication and Division'.

**Addition and Subtraction:**
We will consolidate our learning for mental addition and subtraction before moving on to learning more formal methods including column addition.

**Multiplication and Division:**
We will first recap our learning from KS1 looking at multiplying by 2, 5 and 10. We will then explore multiplying by 3, 4 and 8.

## History

This half term, we will be starting our exciting new topic '*The Mystery of the Mayans.'* We will we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. We will start with the discovery of Mayan ruins by the Spanish conquistadors and then learn about Mayan life and legacies.



## Art

In Art this term, we will completing our *Fabulous Frida* project. We will be studying the work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and developing our own painting skills including colour mixing. We will apply these skills in order to create our own tropical themed self-portraits.



## Computing

In Computing this half term, we will learn how to use stop motion animation to make short animations. We will use different materials and join clips to make longer pieces.

## Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be talking about *'What makes a good friend?*' and considering the question 'Are all friends the same?'. We will explore the stories *'Be Kind'* and '*Ramadan Moon'.*




## Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be carrying on our learning about Hinduism and exploring the question "What do Hindus believe God is like?"

## Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning how to ask and tell someone your name and say how old you are.

## Music

In music this half term, the Aslans will continue their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub.

The Borrowers and Aslans will also be learning songs for our Winter Performance in which we support the Y4s as the choir.

## PE

In PE this half term, we will be developing our gymnastics skills.



We will also have Dazzle Dance lessons and will be learning a traditional Spanish dance, *flamenco*!



## Home Learning

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

Home Learning will be playing 10 minutes (a week) of TT rockstars using the following link:-
TT rockstars link
Log in details for TT rockstars have been stuck into the back of your child's reading record.

We also ask that children read regularly at home – please complete the home school reading record when your child reads at home and bring these in on **FRIDAYS** in Aslans and **WEDNESDAYS** in Borrowers**.**

Optional topic home learning and optional online home learning is detailed at the end of this newsletter. If your child would like to, they can bring this in to share with the rest of the class on **Thursday 17th December.**

