Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Autumn 2 2026

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

Key Information and Dates

For Year 4 our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

Forest school will be the week beginning 16th November 2026. Please bring in appropriate clothing and footwear and take these back home at the end of the week.

Children In Need Day is Friday 13th November.

Our Castleton residential will be on Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th March 2027. An information meeting for parents and carers will be held this half term.

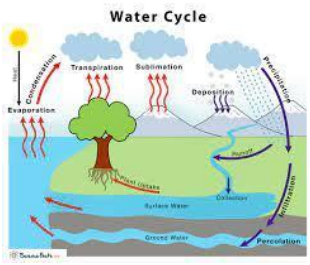


English

Linking to our History topic, we will write a biography on Julius Caesar.

We will also be exploring poetry, looking at poets such as Valerie Bloom.

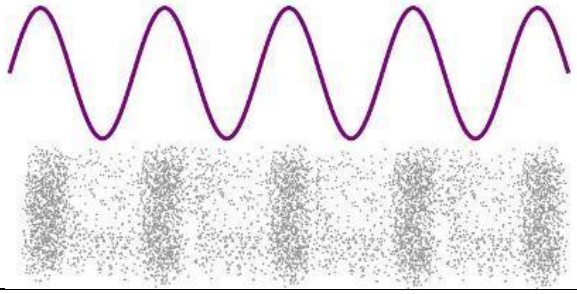
In addition, we will be making cross-curricular links with an explanation piece on the water cycle.





Science

In Science, we will be learning all about Sound. The children will learn that if an object vibrates the air particles called molecules close to it vibrate. We will be looking at how molecules vibrate in an experiment on forming a sound wave.



Maths

In maths this term, we will complete our learning for now on addition and subtraction, before moving on to multiplication, division and area

- Subtract two 4-digit numbers with exchanges
- Efficient subtraction
- Learn 6, 7 and 9 x table with division facts
- Multiplying by 1 and 0
- Multiplying three numbers
- Counting area of squares and comparing area

Geography	In Geography, we will continue our Rivers topic. We will study the features of a river and learn how ox bow lakes are formed. We will look at the main causes of flooding, how it affects people and what can be done to prevent it. We will locate key rivers of the UK and the world, and then focus in on a river closer to home.

In Computing, we will be focusing on digital animation. We will research different forms of animation and make a stop motion short film at the end of term.	**Computing**

Religious Education	In RE this term, we will be focussing on Christianity. We will be asking key questions such as such as "What is it like for a Christian to follow God? Also, we will be learning about the significance of symbols for Christmas and the Nativity

We will be continuing to think about community and where we feel a sense of belonging. We will be learning about online safety and how to protect private information. We will also be educating ourselves about the risks of 'fake news' and echo chambers.	**Citizenship**

Design Technology	In DT, we will be studying textiles, focusing on creating a 3D object from 2D pieces. We will explore the techniques used to create soft toys and fabric decorations, develop our sewing skills. We will then design, make and evaluate a 3D bird decoration.

In Spanish this half term we will be learning about how to write a fireworks poem, classroom commands and how to name places in town. We will also learn how to ask where something is.	**Spanish**

Music	On Mondays, Charlies will continue their violin lessons with Sheffield Music Hub. Both classes will be also be rehearsing the songs for their Christmas performance.

PE	In PE, both classes will be learning the dance moves for our Christmas performance with Dazzle Dance Amy. Chayas and Charlies will also be learning all about handball.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children will need to play TT Rockstars online 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. Spelling practice continues on SpellShed, with a spelling test on Fridays. 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.

