Year 5
Autumn 2
2026-27

# Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

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

## Key Information and Dates

**PE lessons** will take place on:



**Hiccups:** Wednesday and Friday
**Wolves:** Tuesday and Friday

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

**Friday 13th November:** Children in Need

**Forest School:** W/C 23.11.26

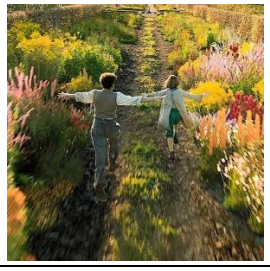
Our Golden Award assemblies continue at 9.15am on Fridays fortnightly - please come along to celebrate!




## English

Our English work this term links to the chapter book and graphic novel of 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. To begin with, we are looking at the main character, Mary Lennox, and writing letters between her and her friend Dickon. We will explore the emotions and motivations of the characters and focus on style, vocabulary and content of writing to achieve different levels of formality. After that, we will write a setting description of the spectacular secret garden.



## Science

In Science, our new unit will be **Animals including Humans**. This topic focuses on describing the changes as humans develop to old age.



## Maths

In Maths this half-term, we will be completing our unit on multiplication and division before starting a unit on fractions.

**Multiplication and Division**

We will be:

- Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000

**Fractions**

We will be:

- Finding equivalent fractions.
- Converting fractions.
- Comparing and ordering fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.

## History & Geography

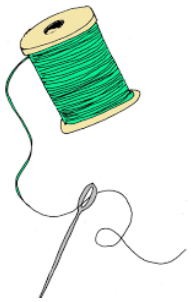
In **History** this term, we will be finishing off our topic on **Ancient Egypt** before moving on to our first **Geography** topic on the **Commonwealth**. Here we will:



- Discuss what the Commonwealth is and how it came about.
- Comparing life in the UK and countries and cities in other parts of the Commonwealth.

## Design Technology

*We will be researching, designing and making our own bags around a design brief. We will learn different sewing stitches, thinking about where to use them, as well discussing different types of fabric and sustainability.*



## Computing

This half-term, children will learn how to create short videos by working in groups. As they progress through this unit, they will use topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

## Citizenship

In Citizenship, we will be focussing on money. We will be thinking about why money is important and what we should spend money. We will also look at how money can be earned.

## Religious Education

In RE this half-term, we will be focusing on the key question “Creation and Science – Conflicting or Complementary?” We will be considering the Christian creation story and scientific explanations for the origins of the universe.

## Spanish

During this half-term, the children will be focusing on the unit “Time in the city.” They'll learn about Madrid, explore its facts, and practice language for buying tickets and asking for directions. They'll also become tour guides, learning through games, native speaker clips and independent tasks.

## Music

In music this half-term we will be learning about melody and harmony. We will appraise, sing, play, improvise and compose using a selection of different music. We will explore the voices that sing the melodies and the instruments used within the music in this unit to create the harmonies. We will also think about how music brings us together.

## PE

We have two units in PE this term. We will be developing our skills in dribbling, passing and maintaining possession in football. We will also be learning the rules and developing our skills in dodgeball.

## Home Learning

Mr Wallis wrote to you in July with information about changes to home learning at Walkley following our consultation and also shared the updated Home Learning policy. Home learning will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Children in Y5 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.

