

Music

This term the children are going to be learning to sing songs linked to the 'Naughty Bus'. We are going to be expanding our repertoire of traditional nursery rhymes by introducing a new one each week. We are going to be looking at how we can use our bodies as instruments by practicing moving in time to music and developing our co-ordination and rhythm.

Computing

We will begin the year by working on our understanding of internet safety. We will be exploring the ways we can keep ourselves safe online. We will be developing our own e-safety rules to display in the class. The children will then be learning about programming a range of robotic toys such as a 'Beebot' and then transferring their skills to making objects on a screen move by giving a series of instructions. The children will understand what an algorithm is and will have a go at writing their own.

Art & Design and Design Technology

In design technology the children will be learning all about how to make their own moving vehicle. They will be learning about different types of vehicles, their wheels and their axis. We will begin by designing our own vehicles. We will be learning how we can make the body of a car and then add moving wheels to it. In art we will be creating our own collages and landscapes. This will link with our work in geography as they will be of Whitley and London. We will take a trip around the village to take photographs of the local area to help with our landscape pictures.

Visits, visitors & special events

This term we are introducing 'immersive narrative' into our classroom. We will immerse children in the world of stories. As part of this, we would like to get parents involved with some 'top secret planning'. Please watch the video below and then tell us what you think your child would like to do in response to this book. Remember to keep it a secret from them! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqQlBAEjIoE>
We are hoping to visit the Bury transport museum this term too.

Whitley Village School



Curriculum Newsletter

Class 1
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This term's BIG Question for Learning Logs...

What are your family values?

English

This term we are continuing our work with the primary writing project. The children will learn texts orally and be immersed in language. Our focus story for the term is 'Naughty Bus'. The children will be learning how to sequence stories and write their own. We will be encouraging children to demarcate sentences with capital letters and full stops. We will be teaching them how to spell common words and we will be expecting them to spell these correctly in their independent work. We will also be encouraging the children to use their phonics sounds in their writing. Later this term we will introduce writing poetry and instructions.

Maths

Our maths work this term will focus on the children's understanding of number. We will be learning how to read, write and recognise numbers from 0 upwards. Using these numbers we will begin to find 1 more and 1 less than any given number. We will be ensuring that all the children are fluent with numbers and can explain their mathematical thinking and reasoning. The children are going to be learning how to solve simple addition and subtraction problems by counting forwards and backwards on a number line. We then use our growing number knowledge to solve simple mathematical problems. The children will also be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

This term we will be learning all about humans and other animals. We will begin by learning about all the different parts of our bodies and what we use them for. The children will be learning all about their 5 senses and the associated body part. They will then be learning about different animals and their unique features. They will learn about the scientific terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and will begin to classify different animals according to what they eat.

History & Geography (Humanities)

We will begin the year by studying history. We are going to be learning what the word 'past' means and relating it to our own and other people's lives. We will be learning about different types of transport from the past and how this affected people's way of life. We will be using the book 'Major Glad Major Dizzy' to support our learning. In geography we will be learning following the 'Naughty Bus' on a trip to London. We will learn what a big city is like and compare it to the village and surrounding area.

Religious Education

Over the following term we are going to be focussing on Christianity and Judaism. We will begin by thinking about the question 'who is special to me?' The children will talk about all the special people in their lives starting with their parents and carers. As we approach the end of the term we will start learning about Christmas traditions.

Physical Education

This term we are going to be focussing on dance and gymnastics. We will begin by exploring how we can move our bodies and travel in different ways such as skipping, hopping or jumping. We will then look at working close to the ground and higher up, including the use of equipment.

Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education

We will be learning all about each other's friends and getting to know each other really well. We will be developing our confidence and learning ways to face new challenges that school brings. We will be focusing on the British values of democracy and the rule of law. We will look at what these mean for us both at home and at school.

French

Our first unit is called 'C'est moi'. We will be learning how to introduce ourselves, say our age and ask someone their age. We will also sing some simple French songs about ourselves and our bodies.