

Music

As part of our work in music we will continue to develop our voices by singing simple songs and chants. As part of our topic 'Rumble in the Jungle' we will be learning to create a jungle soundscape using a range of traditional instruments as well as some African instruments. We will sing and learn some simple songs about different wild animals.

Computing

In Computing we will continue to develop and consolidate our understanding of internet safety. We will continue learning how to use computers and i-pads to create pic-collages, word documents, songs and simple published pictures. We will be learning how to log onto the laptops by ourselves. We will learn how to use the internet to find out some facts about different jungle animals and then will type out our facts, draw pictures and have a go at saving our work.

Art & Design Technology

In Art we will be learning about printing. We will be creating different animal prints such as zebra stripes and leopard spots using a variety of different techniques and printing equipment. We will be using these to create 3D animal sculptures. We will also look at the work of Henri Rousseau and his jungle paintings. Later in the term we will be learning some simple sewing techniques in Design Technology when we make our own animal finger puppets. The children will learn how to do a simple stitch to join two pieces of material together.

Visits, visitors & special events

The summer term is always a busy one. We are hoping for great weather so we can be outside as much as possible. This term we will be preparing for the Rose Queen and sports day. In the second half of the term we will begin our transition to Year 1 or Year 2. Our Year 1 children will spend time with their new teacher in their new class and Reception will help welcome our new starters ready for September. If you have any questions around transition please come and see us.

Whitley Village School



Curriculum Newsletter

Penguin Class
Summer 2019

This term's BIG Question is...

How are we all different? How are we all the same?

English

This term we are going to be continuing to develop our oral story telling skills by learning the stories 'Handa's Surprise' and then 'Dear Zoo'. We will use these stories to help develop our written narratives. In Reception we will be consolidating our sentence writing skills. We aim for all children to be able to independently write simple sentences, spelling key words correctly and making phonetically plausible attempts at others. We will develop their independence ready for Year 1. Year 1 will be working on adding s/es to words to create plurals. They will be writing simple poems, stories and letters.

Maths

In Maths we will begin by learning all about capacity and length. Later in the term we will work on money, fractions and time. Please discuss money and time at home to support your child. In Year 1 we will be focussing on multiplication and division. We will learn to understand what the multiplication and division symbols mean and how to solve problems. Year 1 need to be confident at counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10, so please practice this at home. In Reception we will be looking at doubling and halving numbers as well as sharing numbers equally. We will be ensuring we are confident with numbers to 20 (Reception) and 100 (Y1). This will involve reading, writing, ordering and comparing.

Science

In Science we are going to be learning all about plants. We will learn how they grow including things that may stop them from growing and we will be having a go at growing some of our own sunflowers in school. We will look at the plants and flowers that are wild and the ones which grow around Whitley. We will learn to name the different parts of plants and flowers using the correct scientific vocabulary.

History & Geography (Humanities)

To support our work we will be using the book 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We will begin by looking at where jungles can be found around the world and locating them on a map. We will then look at the continent of Africa and learn about the different animals that can be found there. We will be finding out what it is like to go on safari. Later in the term we will be finding out about famous historical explorers and learning about what makes them special.

Religious Education

In R.E we will be focussing on Judaism. We will be learning about Shabbat and answering the question 'Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?' We will think about and learn about practices and ways of life for Jewish families.

Physical Education

In P.E. we will continue our 'Ready set ride' programme and begin to develop our games skills. We will be working on striking, throwing and catching and developing some simple team games. Towards the end of the term we will practice our athletic skills in readiness for sports day.

Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education

This term we will be following the Christopher Winter scheme of work that explores sex and relationship education. We will be thinking about the differences between boys and girls and will also look at the effects an unhealthy lifestyle can have on our bodies. Our equalities week will focus on identifying and celebrating all our differences.

French

In this unit of French the children will learn language relating to parts of the body and colours. We will learn how to sing 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' in French.