


<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <p>During the first half term, our focus text is 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. The children will be looking at the main features in the story, as well as learning the story map. Children will experience lots of short burst writes, including diary entries, setting descriptions and recounts. In Year 2, the grammatical focus is on using the correct punctuation, identifying different sentence types and using conjunctions to join sentences together. In Year 3 and 4, children will learn how to use and punctuate direct speech. Also, children in Year 3 and 4 will use fronted adverbials with commas afterwards and include conjunctions in their sentences.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>During the first half term, we will be revising multiplication and division. We will then move on to learning about fractions. In Year 2, children will be learning to recall their 2, 5 and 10 x table. During fractions, year 2 children will be able to recognise half and a quarter of an object, shape and quantity. In Year 3, children will be building upon their knowledge from Year 2 and also counting in tenths, as well as adding and subtracting fractions. In Year 4, children will build upon their understanding of year 2 and 3, as well as recognising decimals and counting in hundredths.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p><u>Year 3 and 4.</u></p> <p>During the first half term, children will be consolidating their learning on light. Children will learn that dark is the absence of light and that light can be reflected from surfaces. We will use investigations to explore light and shadows. During the second half term, children will compare human and animal teeth, as well as investigating the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>History &amp; Geography (Humanities)</b></p> <p>During the first half term, the children will be learning about explorers. We will learn the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will research the lives and achievements of Christopher Columbus, Amelia Earhart and Captain Robert Falcon Scott. During the second half term, the children will be learning about Walter Tull. We will learn about Walter Tull's extraordinary life as one of the first mixed-race professional footballers and the first black officer to lead white soldiers in WWI.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curriculum Newsletter</b></p>  <p>The logo for Whitley Village School Starling Class features a stylized tree with green leaves and a brown trunk. The text 'WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL' is written in a semi-circle above the tree, and 'Starling Class' is written below it. The years 'est. 1875' are also visible at the bottom of the logo.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Education</b></p> <p>During RE, the children will learn about Muslims and how Muslims worship. The children will be able to show where Islam was founded and explain who the key prophet was. The children will also use calligraphy to list the main Muslim beliefs and know that Muslims worship in a mosque. The children will have chance to research Muslim festivals and learn about their holy book, The Quran.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Education</b></p> <p>During the first half term, we will be continuing our learning of netball skills. The children will learn different types of throws, how to defend and how to shoot. During the second half term we will be joined by Mr Finney for some co-delivery sessions. The children will learn striking and fielding skills, which they will eventually use to play a game of rounders. We will also build upon our throwing and catching skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal, Social, Citizenship &amp; Health Education</b></p> <p>In PSCH, we will be focusing on wellbeing and how to look after our bodies. The children will be able to explain what happens if they do not get enough sleep. The children will also be able to discuss why exercise and healthy eating are good for our bodies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>French</b></p> <p>During French lessons, the children will continue to revise numbers to 40. They will use this and their previous learning about the weather to help them discuss different temperatures. The children will also be able to discuss what clothes are appropriate for which weather types.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>In music we will continue to use Charanga to support our learning. We will be following the topic reflect, rewind, replay. The children will get the opportunity to listen to a variety of music genres. The children will also get the opportunity to read musical scales and play different notes on the glockenspiel.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> <p>During the first half term, children will continue to build on their previous learning on coding. We will use Purple Mash to support our computing lessons. During the second half term, the children will learn about online safety and touch typing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art &amp; Design Technology</b></p> <p>During the first half term, our art project will link to the beautiful picture book we are focusing on in English: Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. The children will develop their drawing skills by sketching different types of leaves and eventually creating a leaf print using range of printing techniques.</p>