

## 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 creating a steady beat. This will link to our Science work on naming parts of the body.

## Computing

Linking to our big question, Year 1 will be using programmable toys to make a short journey. They will record simple procedures and experiment and estimate using non-standard units. Once they are confident with their programming skills, they will then start to use an online app that will offer a similar task in a more abstract way. Reception will be looking at how to open apps independently and be able to control and manipulate objects confidently. We will also look at everyday technology.

## Art & Design and Design Technology

In DT and Art we will be working with Miss Bostock as this is her area of expertise. We will begin by creating moving pictures and putting them all together to create our very own popup book linked to the 'Naughty Bus' book. We will learn how to get a picture to slide across a page, how to complete a bench fold and other simple pop up techniques. Later this term our art work will link to the story 'Handa's Hen'. We will look at creating African animal prints, sketching animals and looking at natural patterns found in the wild.

## Visits, visitors & special events

This term we will be receiving P.E coaching from Mr Finney a P.E teacher from Weaverham High School. We will be helping in our whole school harvest celebrations by baking bread and collecting food for a food bank. We would also be interested to hear from anyone who has toys from their childhood that they would be willing to share with the class or from anyone who would be willing to talk to the children about the toys they enjoyed playing with as a child.

# Whitley Village School



## Curriculum Newsletter

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## **This term's BIG Question is...**

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go?**

### **English**

Our focus story for the first half term is the 'Naughty Bus'. The children will be learning about journey stories and will have a go at writing 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 work. We will also be encouraging the children to use their phonics sounds in their writing. Later, children will be writing instructions. In the second half term we will focus on the story 'Handa's Hen'. We will then be looking at Christmas books and writing Christmas letters and lists.

### **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 all 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 will then use our growing number knowledge to solve simple mathematical problems. It would be great if you could practice counting daily in a range of different ways including in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

### **Science**

The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals including, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. During investigative work, we will describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets). As part of our ongoing science, we will look at seasonal change and consider the journey that some animals make during autumn and also the changes to our immediate locality at Whitley Village School.

## **History & Geography (Humanities)**

We will be thinking about journeys. We will begin the year by studying history and journeying to the past. We will learn what 'past' means. We will also be learning about different toys from the past to see what different children played with. If you have any toys from your childhood, or maybe grandparents' childhoods, please let us know. Later on in the term, we will be travelling around the UK, learning about the countries that make up the UK and their capital cities. We will find out what it is like to live in a big city compared to a little village.

### **Religious Education**

Over the following term we are going to be focussing on Christianity. Our first question is 'What does it mean to belong?' We will think about belonging to our families, school community and other clubs we may belong to. We will then be thinking about why Christmas is important to Christians.

### **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 our 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 us. We will be thinking about different rules we have to follow and why and look at how we can do this at both home and school. Work will be linked through our commitment to being a Rights Respecting school.

### **French**

This term we will be introducing the children to a variety of simple French songs and games. We will be learning some basic conversation skills such as saying 'Bonjour', 'Au Revoir' and how to say our name.