



Topic Overview – Thistle Class Spring Term 2026

English lessons will focus on the following core texts: *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and *Dark Sky Park* by Philip Gross. Your child will respond to these books by writing in a range of different styles and analysing the text to develop comprehension skills. Your child will also produce extended written pieces linked to other subjects. **Support your child at home by: encouraging daily reading (30 minutes is ideal) and help your child to practise spellings.**

'What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow'



Ancient Civilizations: Sumer

History lessons will explore the achievements of the early civilisation of Ancient Sumer. Your child will learn when and where this civilisation grew up and find out about the hallmark features of life and culture of Ancient Sumer. Consideration will also be given to the legacy of this fascinating player of in world history.

Support your child at home by watching the BBC Bitesize introductory video clip of the ancient civilisation of Sumer
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdq72v4#zb49kty>

Computing lessons will focus on programming and databases. **Support your child at home by discussing how to remain safe online and encourage them to practise typing skills using BBC Dance Mat Typing.**

RE lessons will focus on the questions *When Christians need real wisdom where do they look for it?*
Why do Humanists say that happiness is the goal of life?
Support your child at home by discussing stories and life experiences that you learnt from.

PE lessons will develop skills in basketball, dance and dodgeball. **Support your child at home by playing games together, modelling healthy competition and being able to lose graciously.**

Music lessons will focus on musical theatre and the festival of colour. **Support your child at home by watching the video clip to learn more about the Hindu festival, Holi.**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zqxtqfr>

Geography lessons will develop knowledge of human and physical geography as your child learns about the world's biomes and climate zones. They will learn the key characteristics of the seven main biomes and where in the world they can be found. They will also learn how the climate relates to the plants and animals that can be found in each biome. **Support your child at home by using Google Earth to locate the following famous deserts: Kalahari, Sahara, Gobi, Arctic and Antarctic.**

Art and Design lessons will focus on 3D art and the artist Alberto Giacometti, creating a range of 3D pieces from Modroc to clay. **Support your child at home by allowing them to create different 3D pieces.**

Design Technology lessons will focus on developing an electrical system. **Support your child at home by discussing useful electrical items around the home.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. **Support your child at home by talking to them about their dreams and goals and sharing yours. Consider adopting one new habit or routine to support healthy living.**

French lessons will focus on 'A la mode', learning how to build simple sentences in French to name and describe clothing and to conjugate the verb porter (to wear). **Support your child at home by encouraging them to try the language app 'Duolingo'.**

Mathematics lessons will focus on the following areas: Multiplication, Division, Measuring Area, Fractions, Percentages and Decimals. Your child will develop fluency in the core skills of each area and apply their skills to reasoning and problem-solving tasks. Lessons will also develop confidence and competence in mental mathematics (one key focus being the mastery of times tables recall). **Support your child at home by: practising and testing times tables up to 12 x 12. Your child has their own Going for Gold Times Tables card and a log on for TT Rockstars for this. Follow this link to our website for more Maths information:**

<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/mathemati>

Science lessons will focus on the following units: Earth and Space and Properties and Changes in Materials. Your child will learn about the planets in the solar system and how these orbit the sun. They will also investigate how planets are affected by gravity. Classifying materials and their solubility will be explored alongside gathering data by working scientifically. **Support your child at home by exploring these subjects with them in books, documentaries and online.**