

## Edme Class Topic Overview Spring Term 2026

*What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow*



Ancient Civilizations: Sumer



English lessons will focus on the following core texts: *Shakleton's Journey* by William Grill and *If You Find This* by Matthew Baker. Your child will respond to these books by writing in a range of different styles such as writing to recount, to persuade and to instruct. Your child will also analyse the text to develop comprehension skills. Writing skills will be transferred into other areas of the curriculum such as writing to inform in Science. **Support your child at home by: encouraging daily reading (30 minutes is ideal), practising spellings and talking in depth with your child to develop language and communication skills.**

Art and Design lessons will focus on working in 3D with clay, using Henry Moore as inspiration. Your child will learn how to pinch, pull, form and smooth clay. They will apply these skills to making a series of clay pendants, inspired by their learning about Ancient Sumer in History lessons. **Support your child at home by allowing them to explore working with modelling clay.**

Design Technology lessons will focus on the practical application of electrical systems. Your child will use their knowledge of series circuits to create a steady hand game. **Support your child at home by discussing their favourite toys and why they enjoy playing with them.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. Your child will learn about setting goals and using attributes to achieve these. They will also explore ways of staying healthy. **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.**

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 the importance of learning from experience.**

PE lessons will further develop skills in Basketball, Dodgeball and Dance. **Support your child at home by discussing lifestyle choices and how these contribute to a healthy body and mind.**

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 in Ancient Sumer. Consideration will also be given to the legacy of this fascinating player in world history. **Support your child at home by watching the BBC Bitesize introductory video clip of the Ancient Civilization of Sumer.**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2ry3j6/articles/zdq72v4#zctq7yc>

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 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.**

Computing lessons will focus on programming variables in games and handling data and information using spread sheets. **Support your child at home by talking about online safety, PEGI ratings when gaming/watching films. Also improve your typing skills using BBC Dance Mat Typing.**

Music lessons will focus on composition and through this the children will learn about the Indian Festival of Holi. **Support your child at home by following the link below to learn more about this Hindu festival.**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zqxtqfr>

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 develop existing knowledge by focusing on the following areas: fractions, decimals and percentages and algebra. For measurement, the focus will be on converting measures and finding area, perimeter and volume. Your child will develop fluency in the core skills of each area and apply their skills to reasoning and problem-solving tasks. **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. Making a set of flashcards for each times table can also work well to improve fluent recall.**

Science lessons this term will focus firstly on Evolution and Inheritance. Your child will learn how offspring inherit characteristics. They will learn how adaptations to the environment secure success for a species and give rise to evolution over time. They will also find out how fossils have helped scientists to learn about this process. In learning about electricity, your child will work scientifically to investigate how the brightness of a bulb or the volume of a buzzer relates to the number and voltage of cells in a circuit. **Support your child at home by discussing the safe use of electrical appliances at home and by following the link below to explore a selection of clips and quizzes linked to evolution and inheritance.**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcv>