

Thistle Topic Overview Summer Term 2026

What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow



Local Area Study

Art lessons will focus on printmaking. Reduction printmaking will be the main focus for this unit, with children using a roller effectively to create their desired outcome. The unit will look at artists such as Belinda King and John Brundson. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to create their own print designs.**

English lessons will focus on the following core texts: *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday and *Varmints* by Helen Ward. Your child will respond to these books by writing in a range of different styles and analysing the text to develop comprehension skills. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to read every day (30 minutes is ideal) and practising spellings.**

In Science your child will learn about living things and their habitats and will enquire scientifically using a range of investigations. Comparing the life cycles of mammals to other animal classes will be explored alongside the life processes of plants and animals.

Support your child at home by exploring the local environment and observing wildlife.

RE lessons will explore worship, pilgrimage and sacred places - comparing how the tawhid creates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community with that of Christian beliefs will be discussed. **Support your child by showing the values of care and kindness and what this looks like at home.**

History lessons will provide a depth study into crime and punishment in Britain to the Romans to modern day. There will be a series of enquiries that together provide opportunities to use sources to investigate specific historical questions. Your child will use stories from different time periods to examine what they tell us about different types of crime and how realistic they are. **Support your child at home by watching this Horrible Histories clip:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnOIIW5vUoE>

Mathematics lessons will focus on properties of shape (including angles), decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume. 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 supporting with homework and practising times tables. See our parent guidance for Maths on our website:**
<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/mathematics-1/>

French lessons will focus on 'Je Pais en Vacances' through which the children will build sentences to say where they live and their nationality. They will also build on previous learning by saying what they would wear to specific holiday destinations. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to try the**

PE lessons will further develop skills in tennis, netball, Striking and Fielding and athletics. **Support your child at home by playing games together, modelling healthy competition and being able to lose graciously.**

Geography lessons will provide a depth study into settlements and land use in the local area. Your child will learn which natural resources need to be available in an area for a settlement to be sustainable. They will use field study techniques to observe, measure and record which services are available in the local area and how these support the people who have settled there.

Support your child at home by exploring the local area and discussing which amenities and services are available (shops, GP, post office etc).

Design Technology lessons will focus on designing a menu, preparing and cooking meals. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to cook some meals at**

Computing lessons will focus on developing databases. They will collect data using Microbits and create databases to record and evaluate this information. Support your child at home by discussing how to remain safe online and practise typing skills using BBC Dance Mat Typing.

Music lessons will focus on looping and remixing a range of musical genres and composing music using South and West African rhythms. **Support your child at home by identifying and discussing the instruments used in different songs.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. Your child will learn how girls' and boys' bodies change during puberty both inside and out, including menstruation. They will explore the importance of looking after themselves mentally and physically through these changes. They will also learn a simple overview of the development of a baby from conception to birth. **Support your child at home by being open to discussion by answering questions that they may have about growing up.**