

# Edith May Class Topic Overview Summer Term 2026

*"What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow"*



The core texts for English this term include: **African Tales** by Gcina Mhlophe. The quality of the language, structure and style of stories in the collection, provide an exemplary model to inspire children to be effective storytellers. We will also read; **What's it like to be a bird** by Tim Birkhead. This book provides an opportunity to explore the language choices authors make and the interrelationship between words and illustrations in a fully illustrated non-fiction text. Both texts will develop subject expertise, and this will enrich the children's writing and knowledge of the world. **Support your child at home by: encouraging daily reading, practising spellings and talking in depth with your child to develop language and communication skills.**

In Mathematics, children will develop their multiplication skills to be able to multiply and divide a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number – with exchange/remainder. The class will also revisit the following areas: decimals (including money), time and geometry. Your child will develop fluency in arithmetic and apply their skills to reasoning and problem-solving tasks. **Support your child at home by testing their times tables. You can also help them with telling the time and calculating change when shopping.**

Science lessons will focus on Animals including Humans as children explore and describe the simple functions of the digestive system. The class will also look at tooth decay and conduct experiments to see the impact of different liquids on enamel. In addition, the class will be conducting some Scientific enquiries on the topic of Climate Change. **Support your child at home by encouraging their curiosity and questions. You could do further research together on an area that particularly interests them.**

Art and Design lessons will focus on printmaking. Children will select and use suitable printing techniques to produce designs in response to traditional African printed imagery. They will be able to adapt and modify their work as it progresses and suggest further developments. The children will also use collograph blocks to produce repeated patterns that show understanding and application of flip and rotation techniques a printing block to produce a different design. **Support your child by visiting galleries together.**

History lessons will explore Ancient Egypt! Pupils will explore what life was like along the River Nile and how it shaped farming, travel and trade. They will learn about pharaohs and the importance of religion, gods and the afterlife, including mummification and tombs. **Support your child at home by researching this topic further through books or an age-appropriate documentary.**

RE lessons will explore the Christian and Islamic faiths and focus on the questions 'Why do Christians call themselves the body of Christ?' and 'How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?' **Support your child at home by discussing the need to respect people of other faiths and those of none to live peacefully in our world.**

Music lessons will focus on changes in pitch, tempo & dynamics alongside the theme of 'Rivers'. Children will learn how to perform a vocal ostinato in time. **Support your child at home by listening to and discussing a wide range of music.**

PE lessons will develop skills in Tennis, Athletics, Cricket and Basketball. We will also celebrate 'Sport's Day'. **Support your child at home by making physical activity a part of your family routine.**

In Design Technology, children will learn how to cross-stitch and appliqué to decorate and assemble Egyptian collars, which represent the children's unique personalities. The children will also learn about where their fruit and vegetables are sourced from, building on their knowledge from the farming fair. **Support your child by teaching them basic sewing stitches.**

Geography lessons will focus on Africa. Pupils will explore the continent's geography, including its countries, climate zones and major physical features such as rivers, mountains and deserts. They will learn about the diversity of African landscapes, wildlife and cultures, and compare life in different regions with their own. **Support your child at home by looking at an atlas/Google Earth and finding some of the physical landmarks of this continent.**

Computing lessons will focus on Programming B - Events and actions in programs **Support your child at home by encouraging the use of Scratch to develop their programming skills. Also, discuss with them the importance of staying safe online.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring "Relationships" and "Changing Me". Your child will learn about positive relationships and acquire skills to help them feel confident as they embrace growing up. **Support your child by encouraging open communication for any questions they have.**

French lessons will focus on the unit 'Je Pars en Vacances', where children will learn how to describe where they live and name countries. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to try the language app 'Duolingo.'**