

Edme Class Topic Overview Autumn Term 2026

'What we nourish today... will flourish tomorrow.'



Victorian Britain Industrial Revolution



English lessons will focus on the following core texts: *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. Your child will respond to this book by writing in a range of different styles and analysing the text to develop comprehension skills. Your child will also produce extended written pieces in Science and History. **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 drawing. Your child will use a range of techniques, including working in the negative, using graded pencils, pastels and charcoal. **Support your child at home by following the link to learn about Friedensreich Hundertwasser.**
<https://Hundertwasser.com/en>

Design Technology lessons will focus on structures. This will involve designing and making a model of a piece of playground equipment. **Support your child at home by discussing the kinds of playground equipment they most enjoy using and why it is their favourite.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring 'Being Me' and 'Celebrating Difference'. Your child will learn about what makes them unique as individuals and how to recognise and appreciate the uniqueness of others. **Support your child at home by talking to them about what they think is special and unique about them. Discuss what makes them feel proud to be who they are.**

RE lessons will focus on the questions: *How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate?* and *How does the teaching of the Gurus move Sikhs from dark to light?* **Support your child at home by exploring their beliefs and values for life.**

PE lessons will further develop skills in Multi-Skills, Fitness and Football, Gymnastics and Dance. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to do something active at the weekends and discussing the benefits of regular exercise.**

History lessons will focus on life in Victorian Britain. Your child will learn about the Industrial Revolution and how some of the significant inventions of this time period changed daily life for people in Britain. This unit will link to our class book in which the children will explore what life was like for children during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Support your child at home by following the link to watch this short video introducing Queen Victoria.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqPlj2_w_6M

Geography lessons will focus on locational knowledge. Through this unit your child will be able to locate Chelmondiston and Suffolk in relation to other towns, cities and regions. Your child will also be able to name and locate some of the counties in the UK and to describe the physical features of some of them. **Support your child at home by discussing the local area and its physical features, noticing the nearby rivers and the rural nature of the Shotley peninsula.**

Computing lessons will focus on understanding computer systems and networks and also on 3D modelling. **Support your child at home by talking about online safety, PEGI ratings when gaming/watching films and age restrictions for online applications. Also improve your typing skills using BBC Dance Mat Typing.**

Music lessons will focus on the music of South and West Africa. This lesson will focus on singing and playing tuned percussion ensemble. **Support your child at home by listening to and discussing different types of music.**

French lessons will focus on learning how to extend sentences to include adjectives to describe in the context of the human body through the unit, 'Un Monstre Aimable'. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to try the language app 'Duolingo' for practice.**

Mathematics lessons will develop existing knowledge by focusing on the following areas: Roman numerals, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 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: encouraging them to explain calculation methods to you, as seen through Maths homework. Fluent and speedy recall of times table to 12 x 12 is essential for Year 5 and 6 Mathematics.**
<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/mathematics-1/>

Science lessons will focus on the following units: The Human Circulatory System, through which your child will learn to identify and name parts of the heart, the blood vessels and types of blood cells. This learning will inform understanding of how diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle impact on the way our bodies function. In the second unit, your child will learn how light enables the eye to see things. Working scientifically, your child will collect, present and analyse data, write a method for an investigation and discuss results. **Support your child at home by discussing what a balanced diet would look like. Consider also how lifestyle choices affect health both positively and negatively.**