

Edith May Class Topic Overview Autumn Term 2026

“What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow”



Settlements and The Anglo-Saxons

English lessons will focus on the following core texts: **Into the Forest** by Anthony Browne and **The Rhythm of the Rain** by Grahame Baker-Smith. Your child will explore these books in various ways through drama, writing in a range of styles and analysing the texts to aid comprehension skills. **Support your child at home by reading together for 20 minutes a day and supporting them when practising their daily spellings.**

Art and Design lessons will focus on collage by exploring a variety of artists, such as Paul Klee. Your child will create their own monochromatic collages using different styles of cutting. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to experiment with different artistic techniques and styles.**

Design Technology lessons will focus on designing and constructing a pneumatic toy. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to create different structures using junk modelling and experimenting with a range of designs. Discuss the design of everyday objects and why they work well or how they could be improved.**

Mathematic lessons will build upon prior knowledge of the following key concepts: place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Your child will develop their fluency knowledge which will support their reasoning and problem-solving skills. **Support your child at home by practising times tables (on TTRS or with flashcards) and their corresponding division facts to 12 x 12 e.g. 64 divided by 8 =? Encourage and celebrate their progress as they work towards turning their heatmap green.**

History lessons will explore the importance and impact of the Anglo-Saxons and the language founded. **Support your child at home by visiting or discussing places of interest, including museums. The British Museum have online exhibitions and photo collections for you to enjoy at home. You might also like to visit Sutton Hoo.**

Geography lessons will focus on settlements with a link to local history of Anglo-Saxons. Your child will be able to list reasons why early settlements settled in certain locations, identify and name the different types of settlements. They will make comparisons between Anglo-Saxon and modern settlements. **Support your child by visiting different settlements and discussing the features. Your child might like to spot Saxon place names that end in *ham*, *tun*, *bury*, and *-ing*.**

RE lessons will focus on : Islam – The Seal of the Prophets, and Christianity – How does believing Jesus is ‘saviour’ inspire Christians to ‘save’ and ‘serve’ others? **Support your child at home by visiting a place of worship together and/or attending a service for them to experience.**

Computing lessons will focus on computing systems and networks and improving word processing skills. **Support your child at home by encouraging the use of BBC Dance Mat Typing to improve typing skills. Also, discuss with them the importance of staying safe online.**

In the Science topic ‘Light’ your child will investigate the difference between a light source and a reflective object and identify these. They will explore how shadows are formed as well as understand how to stay safe in the sun. The second unit will be ‘Animals including Humans’ and your child will learn about nutrition, how they receive it and that their body does not make it. **Support your child at home by investigating different sources of light around the home and discussing the benefits of exercise and healthy eating.**

Music lessons will focus on Ballads and Jazz music. Your child will create their own ballad. In the Jazz unit, your child will create their own jazz motif. **Support your child at home by listening to a range of ballads and jazz.**

PSHE lessons will focus on exploring ‘Being Me’ and ‘Celebrating Difference’. Your child will learn about their roles and responsibilities being a part of our school community. **Support at home by giving your child responsibilities and encouraging independence.**

PE lessons will develop skills in football, hockey, gymnastics and tag rugby. **Support your child at home by making physical activity a part of your family routine and reinforcing the importance of water safety as we are a coastal school.**

French lessons will focus on the unit ‘Des animaux au zoo,’ where children will learn how to describe different animals. **Support your child at home by encouraging them to try the language app ‘Duolingo.’**