



Elder Class

Spring Term 2026



English

This term, within our English lessons, the children will be learning to entertain and exploring stories from other cultures. In class, they will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' an old Mayan folktale and will be using this old story to inspire them to write their own folktale.

During this term, the class (and school) will also enjoy reading a variety of books as they participate in Shurdington's Literature Festival.

History

This term, the class will be travelling back in time to learn all about the Ancient Mayan civilisations, one of the longest civilisations in history. They will learn about where and when the Mayans lived and some of their greatest inventions including their writing and number system, how they told the time and whether they played football like us. They will be comparing the similarities and differences between their ancient civilisation and ours today, answering the question why should we study Maya?

Computing

This term, the children will be programming music by using scratch. They will explore what basic commands do, explain how their program links to a theme and include a loop on their work, explain their scene in the story and link it to musical concepts.

Music

This term, the children will focus on learning 'Make you feel my love' by Adele. They will be using recorders to learn notes to play along, compose and perform. Music is taught fortnightly.

French

The children will be developing their conversational skills whilst learning about new topics including transport, direction and movement. They will learn use the verb 'to go' within different contexts.

Maths

This term, we will be multiplying different types of fractions and finding fractions of amounts. After this, we will explore decimals and percentages by understanding fractions as percentages, order and compare decimals and round using decimals. Finally, we will explore equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

This term, the children will be learning all about Earth and space. They will look at the individual planets in the solar system and learn about the rotation of the Earth and how the moon appears to change.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be diving into the fascinating world of Pointillism, a techniques made famous by Georges Seurat. We'll explore how he used tiny dots of colour to build shading, depth and vibrant images. Pupils will experiment with his methods, before painting, creating and finally evaluating their own Pointillist masterpieces.

In DT, the class will be learning how to write a program that monitors the ambient temperature and creates an alert when someone's temperature moves from a specific range.

RE

This term we will focus on Christianity by exploring the question: 'Why might the belief that Jesus saved people be so important to Christians?' We'll look closely at the events of Holy week, considering who was responsible for Jesus' death and how Christians understand his death as a sacrifice. Pupils will also learn about the ceremonies Christians use to commemorate salvation, such as Easter and Holy Communion and reflect on how the concept of sacrifice can impact our own lives today.

PE

Our PE days this term will be on a Wednesday and a Friday. This term the children will be participating in P.E. sessions focused on Fitness and Rugby. All children need an appropriate kit, including trainers, in school.