

Elder Class

Spring Term 1 2026



English

This term within our English lessons the class will be writing to discuss and entertain by writing a balanced argument linked to deforestation and creating their own cinquain poems to perform to the class. Within all their English lessons, they will be continuing to develop their knowledge of grammatical features, with a focus on trying to use a variety of higher-level punctuation.

Geography

This term, we are focussing on geography and learning all about rainforests. They will learn about the different layers of the rainforest as well as the indigenous people who live there. They will be learning how the rainforest can be an important habitat to all and how unfortunately humans can have a negative impact on the rainforest. At the end of January, the class will be going on a class trip to The Living Rainforest in Newbury.

Computing

This term, the children will be creating a stop-motion animation by decomposing animations into a series of images, plan a program to tell a story and use video editing software to animate.

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, and sessions will continue into the next term.

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 half term, the children will be learning how to add and subtract a range of fraction types. They will then learn how to multiply a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number. They will consolidate their learning of short division, especially those calculations ending with a remainder. They will then use their new learning to answer word problems containing the above.

Science

This term, the children will be learning about Living things and their habitats. The class will be classifying a range of living things according to their characteristics before investigating how plants and mammals reproduce. They will also be comparing the lifecycles of amphibians, insects, mammals and birds.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be developing our drawing and sketching techniques by looking at the techniques of Peter Thorpe and seeing how he uses light and shadow. We will also experiment with pastels to create texture.

In DT, the children will be designing and assembling a pop-up book with mechanical elements to help illustrate a story and make it interactive for younger users.

RE

In RE, we will explore, 'Why is the Torah important to Jewish people?' by looking at Jewish beliefs about God, explore how the Torah is respected, investigate what Kosher is, explain the differences between different types of Jews and then finally reflect on how Jewish traditions compare to our own.

PE

Our PE days this term will be Wednesday and Friday. All children need an appropriate kit, including trainers, in school.

Within our P.E. lessons the children will be participating in sessions linked to football and dance. The children will be preparing a dance to preform at the Cheltenham Dance Festival at the end of February.