



Elm Class

Autumn 2026

As **readers**, our children will use the following texts to support and enhance their learning:



Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson
The Journey by Frann Preston
We Are Water Protectors By Carole Lindstrom
Toys in Space by Mini Grey

Our children will use the texts and the links to the curriculum to develop **their skills as writers** of:

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

We will focus on suffixes, capital letters, commas, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, expanded noun phrases, subordination.

We will continue with our daily phonics and spelling sessions.

Our main writing outcomes will be:
Persuasive letters, fantasy world narratives, narrative retellings and environmental campaign posters.

Science

Animal Safari – learning about different animal groups.

History



The First World War – learning about why WW1 started and the impacts on Britain and the rest of the world.

Key events:

Nativity performance
Harvest Festival
Pantomime
Carol Service
Children in Need
Christmas Party



Maths

Year 1:

Place Value (within 10, within 20)
Addition and Subtraction
Counting in tens and to 100
2D and 3D shape
Addition and subtraction

Year 2:

Place Value (Numbers to 100)
Addition and Subtraction (within 100)
Multiplication
Measure

Computing

Information technology around us - Identifying IT and how its responsible use improves our world in school and be-yond.

Digital photography - Capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes

Music

Menu song – the children will practise their skills in listening, keeping a steady beat, and developing a sense of pitch.

Colonel Hathi's march – the children will explore beat, march and timbre and compose their own marching music.

Magical musical aquarium – the children will focus on timbre, pitch, structure, graphic symbols and classical music.

Nativity performance



RE

Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (part 1)
What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Art and Design

Portraits – exploring media, materials, emotions, styles and periods inspired by artists including Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Gainsborough and Andy Warhol.

Design Technology

Mechanisms Levers and sliders – designing, making and evaluating a product.

Geography

Continents and Oceans

We will learn what the seven continents and what the five oceans on Earth are.



PSHE

Valuing Difference:

Recognising, valuing and celebrating difference
Developing respect and accepting others

Me and My

Relationships:

Understanding our feelings, friendship skills and how rules keep us safe.

PE and Sport

Athletics
Dance
Games
Gym

