

# Elm Class Curriculum Update

## Autumn 2025/26



CLARE COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Literacy:

This term, our class texts will be 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield and 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children will be writing internal monologues, diary entries, poems, postcards, factfiles and informal letters. We will study the texts in depth, looking at the characters and themes in the stories, and develop children's comprehension skills through careful questioning. Children should be reading regularly at home. Please continue to support your child by reading to them and listening to them read at home. This really does play an integral role in their learning and comprehension skills.

The children will continue to learn and practice the upcoming week's spellings throughout the week and will be tested on their spellings on Fridays. Children should be using the Spelling Shed app to practise. Half-termly overviews will be produced and stuck in homework books. Spelling overviews can also be found on the school website.

Literacy homework will be sent home weekly and will focus on key skills in punctuation and grammar as well as reading comprehension skills, during the summer term.



### Maths:

During the Autumn Term, we will be looking at place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will also be learning about Shape with Mrs Stocker on a Wednesday morning.



Children will regularly practice their xtables in school; however, children should also be using TTRS to help them learn their times tables and are encouraged to continue this practise at home at least twice a week. Specific times tables will be set for children to practice each week and usernames and passwords can be found in children's reading logs.

Maths homework will be sent home weekly. Children will receive Target Maths sheets that will allow them to practice and consolidate key arithmetic skills.

### History and Geography:

In History, Children will be studying the Stone Age and thinking about what was new about the New Stone Age? In Geography, children will look at climate and weather and why understanding our climate is important.



### P.E.:

P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday so please ensure the children have their P.E. kits for these days. Please also make sure your child has a water bottle and clean kit (for all weather) each session. There is limited spare kit available.

During the first half term, children will learn ball skills on Wednesdays and rugby on Fridays.

The second half term will see children have dance tuition with our dance teacher Miss Burnham.



### Science:

During the first half term, children will study the units: Skeletons, Movement, Nutrition and Diet, and Food Waste. After the half term break, Year 3 will look at Rocks and Fossils.



### Art:

In Art, the children will be exploring various skills and mediums. This will include sketching, oil pastels, and collage. They will be researching the artists Vincent Van Gogh and Guisepe Archimboldo.



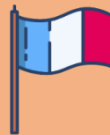
### Computing:

In computing, children will look at computing systems and networks, and creating media.



### French:

In the Autumn Term, Year 3 children will cover the topics 'Moi' (All About Me) and look at 'Jeux et Chansons' (Games and Songs).



### Religious Education:

In RE, Year 3 will study the faiths Christianity and Islam, discussing issues of reconciliation and how religious people dedicate themselves to God.



### PSHE:

During the first half term, children will study the topic 'Being Me in My World', looking at how we can learn best and rewards and consequences. After half term, we will be looking at 'Celebrating Differences', understanding that everybody's family is different, and also how to solve problems and using kind words.



### Music:

During the Autumn Term, children will cover the units 'Stone Age' and 'In the Garden'. They will be expected to perform as part of an ensemble and look at rhythm and pulse.



### Homework:

Children are expected to complete a Maths or English task each week. Homework will be given out on a Thursday. Children can return completed homework at any point in the week. A register will be taken to note those who are completing homework regularly so as to be rewarded and celebrated in assemblies.

