

Chelsea Open Air Topic Overview Summer 2026

Summer 1

Sustainability



Shape Space & Measures



We will be exploring Sustainability through the elements of the 17 Sustainability Goals. The children will be building on their learning about animals and habitats by thinking about the world we live in. We will be talking about how to look after animals and the environment, starting with our own school garden and a visit from Basil & Crew's Farm. This will build on our learning with the chicks and help us to talk about animal care and where our food comes from.

We will think about how we use resources in our school. We will explore different materials with a focus on recycling paper and plastic. Through a 'No Power Day' we will reflect on how much we rely on electricity every day.

We will be exploring 2D & 3D shapes through construction and mathematical activities. Shape Walks will help us spot the shapes all around us. We will look at patterns in nature using mathematical language like spirals, repeating and branches.

We will look at how things can fit in, under or through other things- for example by making homes for the animals in Dear Zoo.

Poetry & Space



We will all become Poets. Listening to different types of poems and writing our own. Exploring rhyme, alliteration, performance poetry and nonsense rhymes.

Poet **Jackson Kavanagh** will be leading workshops to help the children write collaborative poems. We will explore a space theme through poems, stories, music and role play. We will look at real life astronauts and marvel at the wonders of outer space.

History







Walk to School Week

We will be choosing a theme with the children to explore history. Comparing life for children then and now- school, toys, food, clothes and homes.

We will have a Historical Dress Day to represent a different period in time. We will also revisit Road Safety, healthy lifestyles and caring for the environment through 'Walk to School Week.'

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Summer 2	
<p>Butterflies & Minibeasts</p> 	<p>The children will experience the life-cycle of the butterfly, starting by feeding and looking after caterpillars, watching them form their chrysalis then observing the emergence of butterflies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will use information books and stories to support their learning.</p> <p>We will look at the other creatures and plants in our garden and learn about their life cycles. We will tend to the vegetable patch and make sure the garden has what it needs to grow.</p> <p>We will take care of the insects in our garden by using our wormery and making bug houses. Our learning will be supported through stories, songs, poems and dressing up. We will explore patterns in nature and symmetry.</p>
<p>Science: Experiments & Forces</p> 	<p>Through experiments and exploration we will be finding out about cause and effect, observing changes and exploring the properties of materials. We will explore forces such as pushing, pulling and gravity. We will learn how a force can effect movement.</p> <p>The children will be Scientists, making predictions and recording the results of their experiments. Fun activities will include making volcanoes, changing colours, dancing raisins and sinking and floating games.</p>
<p>Super Me & Super Sports</p> 	<p>We will learn about real life superheroes such as Firefighters and Police officers and will explore our imaginations thinking about fantastical powers.</p> <p>The children will talk about how they can make a difference in real life through their actions, for example being kind or helping a friend. We will talk about what we are good at and what we like about ourselves and each other.</p> <p>The children will take part in a range of sports to develop their fine and gross motor skills. We will have a sports day with different challenges.</p>
<p>Celebrations & Transitions</p> 	<p>We will be preparing for changes and new starts. Talking about Primary Schools and saying goodbye. Transition books, role play and stories will support the process.</p> <p>There will be lots of end of term events and celebrations including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for the children.</p>