

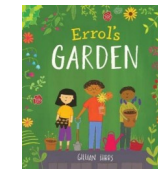


Core School Value	Trips, Enrichment Days and Visitors	Parental Involvement
Wisdom	Colchester Zoo	Stay and Play Session

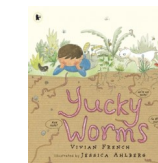
Birch—Term 6

Literacy	Our focus texts this term are 'Errol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs and 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. We are continuing to focus on independently writing short sentences using known phonics, and securing our use of capital letters and full stops. We are also focusing on rereading our sentences aloud to make sure that they make sense. We will be doing some descriptive writing, informational writing and labelling of different parts.
Maths	We are going to be learning about sharing and grouping numbers, exploring how odd and even numbers effect this. We will also be looking at more complex patterns, describing the position of things and exploring maps.
Communication and Language	This term, we are going to be focusing on using our newly learnt vocabulary in different contexts. We will be working on describing events in some detail and being able to retell what has happened. We will also engage with some non-fiction texts.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We are going to be thinking particularly about considering the perspective of others. This includes how the choices we make, effect other people. We will also be working on managing our own needs and showing independence.
Physical Development	We are working on developing overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility. This will help towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace. We are continuing to work on our fine motor skills with correct pencil grip for fluent handwriting and using scissors competently, safely and confidently.
Understanding the World	We are going to be talking about changes in the environment and seasons, as well as exploring our natural world around us. We will talk more about our families and community.
Expressive Arts and Design	We are thinking about returning and building on our previous learning, refining ideas and taking on constructive criticism from others.
RE	We are going to be learning about world faiths through terms 5 and 6. We will be thinking about which stories are special and why, and about how stories help people to know how to behave. This term we will look at Sikh and Hindu stories.

Core Books



Errol tells us of his desire for a real garden. He is good at growing things but is running out of space in his tower block flat. Then, one day, he realises that the block has a roof which would make the perfect place for a garden. He involves his neighbours who bring their range of skills to creating it.



A boy learns from observing worms in the garden alongside his grandmother that they are not so yucky after all. He finds out that their eating and excretion habits are helpful in recycling material which is good for the soil and helps plants grow. Gran dispels the myth that cutting worms in half doesn't hurt them. The informative ongoing intergenerational conversation is supplemented by facts .