

**Thakeham Primary
School
Franklin Class**

Autumn Term 2023 Darwin's Delights



**Our place in the world.
Learning for life.
Inspired learners.**

English

This term our key texts will be:

- Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin
- What Mr Darwin Saw by Mick Manning
- Holes by Louis Sachar

Our writing will be focused on developing cohesion and a greater understanding of purpose, audience and effectiveness.

We will produce writing to entertain:

- Descriptions
- Short stories / missing chapters / developing character
- Diary entries

We will also be writing to persuade:

- Letters – formal / informal
- Video call home
- Speech
- Campaign

Science

Our topic is Evolution and Inheritance

We will be learning to:

- recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution

PE

Monday & Thursday

Autumn 1: Football and Team Building

Autumn 2: Netball and Gymnastics

Maths

Our maths topics this term are:

- place Value
- addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions



We will continue to consolidate and extend our mental maths skills and calculation formal methods and strategies. We will be working both conceptually and procedurally.

When learning something new we encourage the children to use the CPA approach.

Concrete - using objects and equipment

Pictorial - represent their thinking using pictures

Abstract - using numbers and symbols to solve calculations

PSHE / RSE - Jigsaw

We will be thinking about and discussing our **Being Me** and being a **Celebrating Differences**.

Computing

This term we will be learning:

- Computing systems and networks - Communication and collaboration
- Creating media - Web page creation

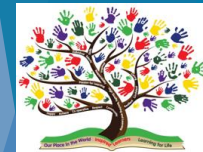
Our Online Safety Lessons will discuss:

Health, well-being & lifestyle

- recognising and discussing the pressures that technology can place on someone and how / when this could be managed

Online Relationships

- describing how things shared privately online can have unintended consequences for others. e.g. screen-grabs.



Other highlights

History We will look at the big picture of migration to Britain throughout history. We will explore three sequential historical enquiries:

1. Why did migrants come to Britain?
2. What were the experiences of migrants in Britain?
3. What was the impact of migration to Britain?

Design and Technology We will be designing an automaton toy reflecting the findings of Darwin and his voyages. We will explore the use of the cam as a mechanical device.

Geography We will be learning to locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. We will explore the countries that Darwin will have passed on his 1831-1836 expedition on HMS Beagle.

Music We will be developing pitch and duration skills through a range of percussion instruments, the ukulele, recorder and glockenspiel. We will build confidence to become a performer.

Art and Design We will be developing sketch books skills to record observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. We will continue to improve mastery of painting techniques and to discover the work of watercolour artists: Durer, Georgia O'Keefe and Constable.

RE We will be learning how Christians celebrate milestones in life and how artists help us to understand Christmas through symbols and religious expression.

Elder staff

Mrs E Hopkins (Class Teacher)

Mrs J Bowbrick (Learning Support / HLTA)

Mrs E Elvery (Learning Support)

Mrs A Hutchings (PE Teacher SGS)

Please remember...

English Homework

- **Set** on a **Monday** on **Google Classroom**.
- **Turned in** on a **Friday** on **Google Classroom**.
- **Reading Diaries** are checked on a **Friday**. Your child should be reading to an adult or independently, at least three times a week. This is imperative to support all the learning we complete in class.

Maths Homework

- **Set** on a **Friday** on **Google Classroom / MyMaths**.
- **Turned in** on a **Wednesday** on **Google Classroom** or through **My Maths** or other website such as SumDog or TTRockstars.

Key Dates

Year 6 Community Award events tbc.

1.9.23 INSET

4.9.23 INSET

WB 25.9.23 Scholastic Book Fair

4.10.23 Individual School Photos

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16.10.23 to 20.10.23 PGL Residential

23.10.23 Half Term

30.10.23 INSET

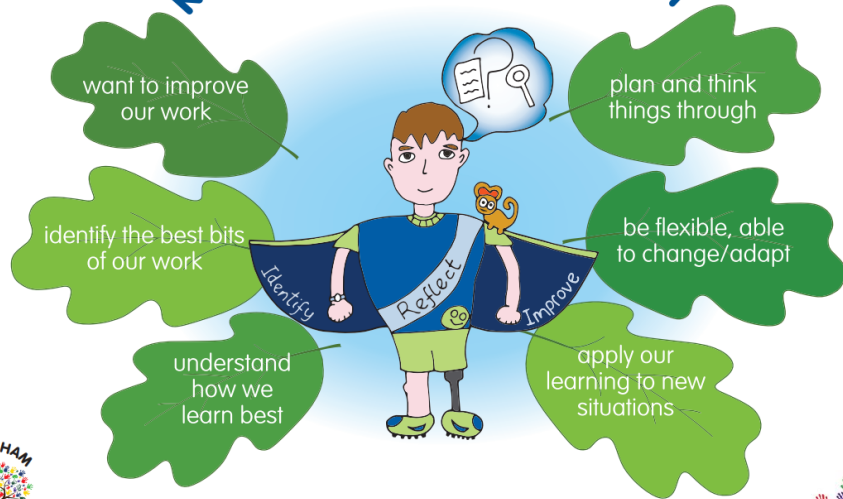
17.11.23 Children In Need

12.12.23 Christmas Nativity

15.12.23 Last day of term.

Reflective, Reviewing Rowan

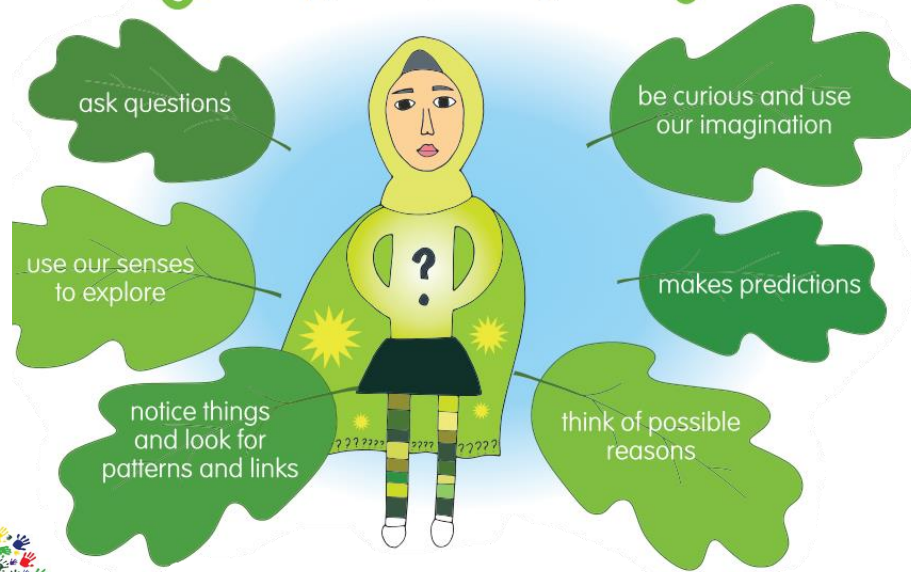
Who helps us to:



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

Curious, Questioning Cleo

Who helps us to:



Positive, Persevering Perry

Who helps us to:



Co-operative, Caring Chloe

Who helps us to:



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