

AUTUMN



WONDER AUTUMN TERM OVERVIEW

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Pupils and staff recognise the kind and nurturing nature of this school. Pupils feel included and welcome. Staff expertly identify pupils who need support. Behaviour is positive. Developing pupil leadership is given a high priority. Thakeham continues to be a Good school.

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Welcome to Autumn term at Thakeham

We are delighted to welcome you to the autumn term at Thakeham, the area's best performing Primary School.

Thakeham is unique in the area. Why? We offer a small school approach but with a big school setting. Our outcomes for pupils are high; our pupils feel safe; and they flourish, often achieving more than they ever thought possible. Our values of CARE (courage, ambition, respect, enjoyment) run through the heart of our school. We say that, 'At Thakeham we CARE'. In short, our pupils are the best and achieve the best!

This short guide will support you with understanding what will be taught in your child's class this term.

If you have questions, please ask the Class Teacher.

Adults involved with Wonder Class this term:

Miss West: Class Teacher

Mrs Bowbrick: HLTA

Mrs Devereux: Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Campbell: Office Manager and First Aid

Mrs Elvery: First Aid

Mr McDonald: Headteacher

Welcome

Thakeham Primary School

Wonder Class

Autumn Term

‘Dragons and
Dinosaurs’



English

This term our key texts will be:

- Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo
- The Dinosaur that Pooped the Planet

Early on, we will be focusing on what you need to form a sentence and making sure we are using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be learning to retell the stories using actions and expression. The children will create their own stories about Barron Greedyguts and Sir Scallywag. Finally, we will be researching and creating a dinosaur fact file. We will also have weekly phonics and handwriting lessons.

We will produce writing in the following genres:

- Narrative
- Non-chronological report

Science

We will be looking at Materials

We will be investigating different materials, their uses and then experimenting which types would be suitable to make an umbrella.

Computing

This term we will be focusing on:

- Learning to identify a variety of technology features.
- To use a digital device to take a photograph.
- Learning how to stay safe online.

PE

Monday – Teamwork and Leadership

Friday – Games

PSHE - Jigsaw

This term is all about Being Me and understanding the places we feel safe, being part of our school and creating some class rules!

Please remember...

- **Reading Diaries and Homework sheets** are collected on a **Friday**. Your child should be reading to an adult or independently, ideally daily but at least three times a week.

Maths

Our maths topics this term are:

- Place Value (Year 1 and 2)
- Addition and Subtraction (Year 1 and 2)
- Shape (Year 1 and 2)

We will be learning about number and counting accurately, ensuring we have strong understanding of place value and more or less. We will then continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills by using mental and written methods of calculation supported by resources such as Numicon, dienes blocks and tens frames. This will then move on to geometry, specifically 2D and 3D shapes, naming and discussing their properties.

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



Other highlights

History: In History we will be looking at Mary Anning, talking about her big discovery, dinosaur fossils..

Geography: This term we will be learning about, our local area and how to use a map.

RE: This term, we will be learning about celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas.

Art and Design The children will be exploring Paul Klee and how he created his pictures using different shapes. Later on in the term, we will be making our own hand puppets.

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