

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM

Provision areas may include:

-  Writing Station
-  Maths Area
-  DT/Art
-  Small World/ Construction
-  Outdoor Learning



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

You play a vital role in your child's learning journey. Here's how you can reinforce the benefits of continuous provision at home:

- Talk about Learning
- Ask open-ended questions:
 - "What did you explore today?"
 - "What was your favourite area?"
 - "Did you solve a problem on your own?"
- Provide materials like scrap paper, recycled boxes, small-world toys, play money, or dress-up items
- Encourage imaginative play, storytelling, building, and exploring
- Let them lead
- Encourage independent tasks: "How would you do that?" or "Can you show me your idea?"
- Build their confidence through decision-making and problem-solving
- Link play to Learning
- Read books together, measure ingredients while baking, count coins, or build dens—real-life learning moments are everywhere

Most importantly: Celebrate their ideas, creativity, and independence.



A Parent's Guide to Continuous Provision in Key Stage One

At Thakeham Primary School, we believe in supporting every child's learning journey by providing an environment that is rich, engaging, and developmentally appropriate. Continuous Provision in KS1 bridges the gap from Reception to more structured learning and this guide explains how and why it matters.

WHAT IS CONTINUOUS PROVISION?

Continuous Provision refers to the carefully planned, always-available learning areas within the classroom where children can explore and engage in meaningful activities—independently or with peers, throughout the day. In Key Stage One, this approach continues the EYFS style of learning through play, but with a stronger link to National Curriculum goals in subjects like reading, writing, maths, science, history, geography, and art. It's not "free play"—it's intentional, structured, and planned learning through hands-on experiences.

Key features:

- Planned by the teacher, linked to curriculum objectives
- Available throughout the day alongside adult-led learning
- Encourages children to revisit and apply new knowledge
- Stimulates curiosity and supports independence



WHY CONTINUOUS PROVISION MATTERS IN KS1

Transitioning from Reception to Year 1 can be a big change for children. Continuous Provision helps make that shift smoother and more successful by continuing familiar routines, environments, and learning styles—while gradually increasing challenge.

Here's why it's so valuable:

- Bridges the transition: Children move smoothly from play-based EYFS learning to more formal KS1 structures.
- Develops independence: Children learn to make choices, take responsibility, and direct their learning within a safe, well-planned space.
- Boosts engagement and confidence: Learning feels fun, relevant, and accessible, building children's confidence to try new things.
- Links play to learning: Each area supports National Curriculum outcomes—such as writing recipes in the mud kitchen or counting money in a cafe setup.
- Promotes deeper learning: Children revisit concepts, apply knowledge, and extend their thinking independently.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

At Thakeham Primary School, we are committed to creating a learning environment where children feel confident, inspired, and valued. Continuous Provision is one of the ways we ensure that every child continues to grow—academically, socially, and emotionally—as they progress through Key Stage One.

If you'd like to learn more or see it in action, please contact the school office to arrange a visit to our classroom!

Visits will start on the 08.10.2025 and will be available every Wednesday morning from 9am - 10am.