

**Thakeham Primary
School
Franklin Class**

Spring Term 2025 Into the Wild



At Thakeham we CARE.

English

This term our key texts will be:

- The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
- The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell

Our writing will be focused on developing cohesion and a greater understanding of purpose, audience and effectiveness. We will produce writing to discuss:

- ♣ Balanced argument
- ♣ Newspaper article
- ♣ Review

We will also be writing to persuade:

- ♣ Letter – formal
- ♣ Speech

Science

Our topic is ‘Living Things / Habitats / Processes’

We will be learning to:

- To describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
 - To describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.
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- **We have a visit from Zoolab to support our science work on Tuesday 25th March.**

Maths

Our maths topics this term are:

- Decimals, fractions and percentages
- Area, perimeter and volume
- Converting units
- Shape
- Algebra and ratio (Y6)

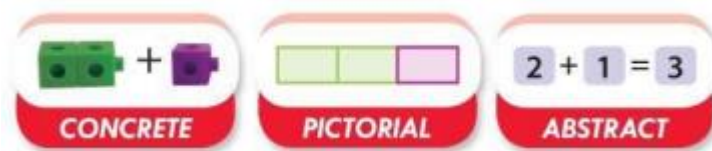
We will continue to consolidate and extend our mental maths and fluency skills and calculating formal methods and strategies. We will be working both conceptually and procedurally.

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



Computing

This term we will be learning to:

- Use databases linked to our living things classification work in science.
- Creating videos linked to climate change.

Our online safety work will be on:

- Online reputation
- Managing online information

Other highlights

Forest School Sessions(Spring 1)

Each year group will take part in three Forest School sessions. They will support our work on the *Wolf Wilder* book which is set in the cold, Russian winter.

Design and Technology We will be looking at the issues of footwear in the Russian winters in the deciduous forest biome. We will design a make a suitable show for our key character, Feodora. Each child will need **just one** old trainer, croc, slider or flip flop to adapt. Can the children please have them in school for the project. The shoe **does not** actually have to fit their feet – could be smaller or larger.

History Our local study of ‘How has Thakeham changed?’ will support our 150th Anniversary of Thakeham School.

Geography We will be looking at the range of biomes that cover our planet and focus on the tundra and the work of David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg.

Music We will be continuing to compose and perform on the recorder during this term, developing our rhythm skills and awareness and control of pitch through a theme of ‘Can my music take you somewhere?’

Art and Design We will be creating a 3D model of a polar bear.

RE We will be exploring why prayer is important for Christians and why did Jesus have to die at Easter.

PSHE - Jigsaw

We will be thinking about and discussing what it is to be a good friend and classmate and then we will complete the Healthy Me unit of work.

On January 15th we have a session booked with the **Little Life Savers** which Chris Poore, our Storrington Warden, will join us for.

PE

Monday – Dance (Spring 1)

Racquet Sports (Spring 2)

Tuesday – Basketball (Spring 1)

Tag Rugby (Spring 2)

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.

Maths Homework

- **Set** on a **Friday** on **Google Classroom**.
- **Turned in** on a **Wednesday**.

PE Kit

- Required every Monday and Tuesday.

Franklin staff

Mrs E Hopkins (Class Teacher)

Mrs J Bowbrick (Learning Support / HLTA)

Mrs H Lamb (PE Teacher SGS)