

Thakeham Primary
School
Beatles Class
Summer term 1 2025
‘Let’s Get Growing’



At Thakeham we CARE.

English

Comprehension

Word reading

Writing

- Diary entries
- Fact writing about ducklings and growing seeds
- Instructional writing for planting
- Posters about caring for our ducklings and seeds
- Non fiction book writing
- Story retelling
- Story sequencing
- Story character descriptions

- RWI Set 1 and 2, RWI Green Ditty books

Book list:•Pip and Egg, The Amazing Lifecycle of Plants, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Oak Tree, The Butterfly Dance, Hello Spring, We found a Seed.

Expressive Arts & Design

Creating with materials

Being imaginative and expressive

Experiences

- Eric Carle style art animals
- Painting clay symbols
- Make flowers using tissue paper and pipe cleaners, also threading and sewing
- Egg shell art
- Duckling and plant sketching
- Collages
- Printing
- Jack and the Beanstalk singing sessions

Maths

Numbers

Numerical patterns

- Maths mastery teen numbers 11-20
- Timings – days of the week, ducklings growing
- Animal surveys
- Counting/ sorting
- Patterns/ symmetry
- Doubles/halves
- Subitising
- Number sentences within numbers to 20
- Number bonds to 10
- Comparing different ducklings, seeds by size
- Data handling

• Personal Social Emotional Development

Self-regulation

Managing self

Building relationships

Experiences

- Friendship circle time
- Show and Tell – what are your favourite spring animals and why?
- Sharing about things we are growing or looking after at home
- Jigsaw lessons
- Kind/gentle hands
- Caring for ducklings/ our plants
- Working together to create places to grow our seeds
- Jigsaw lessons



Understanding the World

People, Cultures and & Communities

The Natural World

Past and Present

Experiences

- Comparing the environments in different places – where does our food come from?
- Growing seeds/plants – what do they need to grow?
- Making seed bombs
- Caring for ducks/ seeds
- Using gardening equipment safely
- Lifecycle – butterfly, duck, sunflower
- Explore plants and flowers– magnifying glass/microscopes/ bug finders
- How are different plants adapted to grow in different places?

Communication and Language

Listening attention and understanding

Speaking

Experiences:

- Listening to stories - Join in with rhymes
- Join in with small group circle time - Speaking to a friend/adult
- Role play areas home corner/kitchen
- Small world play
- Retelling different stories

Physical Development

Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills



Experiences

- Fine motor - funky finger morning activities plus handing different tools –for gardening/junk modelling/ painting/playdough etc.
- Gross motor – Outside Crates/bikes - PE – FOCUS – moving in different ways

House Points:

Every child in school is part of a House Team. The children can be awarded house points throughout the week for different achievements. The points are added together with all of the house points achieved throughout the school and a House Cup is awarded each week to the House with the most points. Each House name was picked by the school council, thinking about the qualities of each Super Learning Hero. The children in Beatles class are in the following houses:

Rashford	Rosen	Parks	Malala
Bailey Daisy	Eddie Emilia Ryan Seren	Oscar T Thomas B Yasmine Ava	Darcey Oscar M Sophie Thomas P Willow



Beatles staff

Mrs R Stender (Class Teacher M-W)
Mrs C Usherwood (Class Teacher Th-F)
Mrs A Devereux (Learning Support M-F)

Ways that you can help your child at home

Daily home reading with your child. Please share their home reading book with them and record each read in their yellow reading record. This should be returned to school daily to enable us to track home reading and change books regularly. Please also continue to share other books of your child's choice including stories, fact books and poems to help develop your child's love of reading.

You can also help by keeping us informed of any learning that is happening at home using the WOW certificates that we will be starting this term.

Helping your child become more independent with using a knife and fork and dressing undressing themselves will enormously help your child at school.

Thank you for your support, if you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Stender or Mrs Usherwood.

Please remember...

PE will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit on this day. Please also ensure all of their kit (and uniform) is **named**.