Thaxted Primary School Curriculum Overview 2023

Reception – Farah Class

Term:	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Focus Theme:	Where we live		Dinosaurs		Pirates and the Seaside	
Hook:	Photos of Thaxted – past and present Long standing local resident to visit		Dinosaur eggs found around the school/classroom FX Guru video		Pirate day	
Class Reading Text:	See 'Reading Bookshelf'		See 'Reading Bookshelf'		See 'Reading Bookshelf'	
Home Learning Project:	Holiday Scrapbook Weekend Bear to share news		Holiday Scrapbook Weekend Bear to share news		Holiday Scrapbook Weekend Bear to share news	
Showcase:	Nativity play		Share work with another class		Show and Share	
Enrichment:	Visit to our local town Local artist		Sedgewick museum Cambridge loan boxes –Dinosaurs, Fossils, Fossil Rubbings		Pirate day Seaside trip	
Subject Area:	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Literacy Other reading texts	Goldilocks and the 3 Bears Who's in my Family – Robbie Harris	Little Red Hen The Nativity Story	Are the Dinosaurs Dead Dad? – Julie Middleton	How to look after your Dinosaur – Jason Cockcroft	Jack and the Flum Flum Tree The Pirate Next Door	Rainbow Fish What the ladybird Heard at the seaside – Julia Donaldson

	You Choose					
Poetry	Here is the Seed by John Foster	(Tune: London's burning) Bonfire's burning, Bonfire's burning, Getting hotter, Getting hotter, Fire, fire! Fire, fire! Rocket's whizzing, Rocket's whizzing, Sparklers fizzing, Sparklers fizzing	Dinosaur poems	Mad about Dinosaurs – Giles Andreae	Pirate Poems	Sea Creature Poems
Writing Focus	Listen and respond to a story Retell a story Follow and sequence instructions Recite a rhyme from memory Form letter shapes Write name	Read and write CVC words Read captions Write Labels Retell a story Sequence story events	Shared Writing Learn a story using 'Talk for Writing' Retell a story Sequence captions of story events Write a caption Begin to form letters correctly	Introduction to finger spaces and full stops Write rhyming words Write simple sentences in Stories Speech bubbles Information writing Instructions	Learn a story using 'Talk for Writing' Correct Letter formation Begin to use capital letters finger spaces and full stops Captions using phase 3/4 sounds Writing rhyming strings	Write connecting sentences in Stories Speech bubbles Information writing Instructions Use own ideas in stories Begin to use language specific to style of writing.

Mathematics	Match and sort objects Extend and create ABAB patterns. Count objects, actions and sounds to 5. Subitise to 3. Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value to 5.	Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity. Compare numbers to 5 Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers to 5. Talk about and explore 2D shapes.	Count objects, actions and sounds to 10 Subitise to 5. Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value to 10. Compare numbers to 10. Continue, copy and create repeating patterns. Making pairs and finding doubles. Combining two groups.	Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers to 10 . Explore the composition of numbers to 10. Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes. Compare length, weight and capacity. Use time related language to describe and sequence events. Explore odd and even	Count and compare numbers beyond ten. Explore the composition of numbers to 10, finding pairs of numbers and related addition facts for numbers to 5. Recall number bonds for numbers 0–10. Understand and explore the concept of addition and subtraction. Building numbers beyond 10 Recognising counting patterns beyond 20	Recognise patterns in the number system including odd and evens. Sharing and grouping Spatial reasoning skills. Compose and decompose shapes Investigations and problem solving.
Communication and Language	Listening to stories. Learn rhymes. Develop conversation skills in small group activities.	Answering questions linked to familiar stories. Learn Harvest and Christmas stories.	Retell familiar stories. Learn rhymes poems and songs. Topic themed role play.	Use non-fiction texts to develop topic understanding. Opportunities to respond with thoughts about stories.	Use non-fiction texts to explain topic understanding Develop use of connectives in storytelling and explanations.	Problem solving opportunities to develop organisation of thinking and explanations. Sequence events to encourage detailed

	Listening to and responding to class discussion.	Taking turns in talking in social situations.		Learn and use new topic related vocabulary in play activities.	Learn and use topic related vocabulary in play, conversation and explanations.	and sequenced explanations.
Physical Development	Perform Dough Disco activities correctly Use fingers or tools to pick up small objects Hold pencil and scissors correctly	Form some recognisable letter shapes Change independently for PE Understand how to change speed and direction and negotiate space. Learn how to direct PE equipment	Begin to form letters correctly Cut out a shape accurately Learn different ways to join materials Ball skills – throwing, catching rolling bouncing with some accuracy	Learning how to use tools to create different effects Combine movements to music Talk about some healthy lifestyle choices	Most letters are formed correctly Finger gym activities Joining and adapting materials using tools Negotiate obstacles by changing speed and action	Selecting correct tool to create a desired effect Team games - how to work as a team. Knowledge of healthy lifestyle choices in relation to hygiene, food choices, exercise.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Being Me in My World 'Who am I and how do I fit?'	Celebrating Difference Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique	Dreams and Goals Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this	Healthy Me Being and keeping safe and healthy	Relationships Building positive, healthy relationships	Changing Me Coping positively with change
Understanding the World	Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Draw information from a simple map of Thaxted	Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways Why we celebrate Bonfire night	Learn about figures from the past – Mary Anning Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they	Learn about stories from the past - What happened to the dinosaurs Comparison of materials	Learn about figures from the past – real pirates in history Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties - Floating and sinking	Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live – seaside habitat Recognise some similarities and

	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past – Thaxted landmarks Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways – Harvest Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them - Autumn	Diwali Why we celebrate Christmas. How Christmas is different around the world Learn about different occupations - Making bread	live – Earth in the Dinosaur times Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways - Eid / Ramadan Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them – Winter	Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways - Easter	Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live - features of a Pirate ship	differences between life in this country and life in other countries – sea creatures around the world Features of Sea Creatures Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them – Summer Understand changing states of matter
Expressive Arts and Design	How to use objects to create a representation of places in Thaxted Drawings of their families. Appropriate use of colour and shapes to create representations of familiar places Collaging to create art - Autumn	Recite familiar rhymes / songs - Harvest and Christmas Art from different cultures - Rangoli patterns Using a variety of tools - firework art Using a variety of materials - Christmas craft	Responding to music through dance – Dinosaurs / Chinese New Year How to use percussion instruments (boomwhackers) to copy simple patterns and create our own.	Responding to music – Vivaldi Spring Which materials are best for different purposes – dinosaur landscapes How to use clay to create different effects - fossils.	How to print patterns pirate flags Learn songs from different cultures Select materials to design and create a boat	Study artist - develop own views on art – Andy Goldsworthy beach art Create observational drawings of sea creatures Design and building a sandcastle