Thaxted Primary School Curriculum Overview 2026-7

Year 1 & 2 - Redgrave Class

Term:	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Focus Theme:	All about Thaxted!		Dinosaurs		Pirates +Seaside	
Hook:	Thaxted Bear and a local walk with a local historian		Dinosaur eggs found around the school/classroom FX Guru video		Pirate day	
Class Reading Text:	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: Rex Dinosaur in disguise by Elyse Dolan Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: The Sandman and the Turtle by Michael Morpurgo Traction Man by Mini Grey	See 'Reading Bookshelf' for Year 1 Year 2: The Giraffe and the Pelly and me by Roald Dahl Flotsam by David Wiesner Or Nothing to see Here Hotel by Steven Lenton
Home Learning Project:	1. Be an Inventor – Can you make a model of one of the known places in Thaxted? You could make the library, the school or the Windmill. 2. Be a researcher – Find out some interesting facts about Thaxted 3. Be a Cartographer – Can you make a map of Thaxted? 4. Be a Chef – Can you make some bread, or some rolls? 5. Be an artist – Can you draw one of the known places in Thaxted?		1. Create and draw your OWN made-up dinosaur. Give it a name and write 2-3 sentences to describe what it looks like, what it eats and where it lives. 2. Create a dinosaur fact file. Choose a favourite dinosaur and find out 3 facts about it. Include a picture with your facts. 3. Make a dinosaur model or habitat. Use recycled materials, playdough or craft items and addlabels such as claws, teeth, or volcano.		1. Make a pirate wordsearch. 2. Make a wanted poster for a pirate using adjectives and conjunctions 'and' or 'because'. 3. Design a pirate flag or ship. This can be 2d or 3d. 4.Design and create a pirate ship which can float using junk materials.	

	6. Go on a walk around Thaxted. Take a friend or your family and see things you haven't noticed before.					
Showcase:	Nativity		Show and share to another KS1 class		Share story retelling/song Pirate play scripts	
Enrichment:	Visit to local town Local historian Windmill visit to sketch		Sedgewick museum Cambridge loan boxes – Mary Anning, Dinosaurs, Fossils, Fossil Rubbings Saffron Walden museum loan boxes		Pirate day Seaside trip	
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Other reading texts	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Here is the Seed poem by John Foster Little Red Hen Harvest Poems Mr Gumpy's Outing Possible Autumn stories: Leaf Man by Louis Ehlert We're going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger Percy the Park Keeper After the Storm Firework Poetry Christmas stories		Dinosaur poems Dinosaur stories Are the Dinosaurs Dead Dad?		Jack and the Flum Flum Tree Pirates Next Door and others about pirates by Johnny Duddle Pirate Stew by Neil Gaiman Pirate poems Here Be Monsters by Jonathan Emmett A New Home for a Pirate by Ronda Armitage How to be a Pirate by Sue Fliss	Seaside stories Rainbow Fish What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside The Snail and the Whale The Singing Mermaid Grandad's Island by Benji Davies
Poetry	Performance Poetry Rhyming words and nursery rhymes Harvest: Here is the Seed by John Foster	List Poems / Diamante Firework rhymes	Riddles / Repeat patters Dinosaur poems	Free verse	Acrostic / Shape Pirate poems	Performance Poetry *The Owl and the Pussy Cat went to Sea, Edward Lear* Seaside shape poetry

	National Poetry Day 1st October 2026					
Writing Focus	NF: 1) Recount/ Postcard 2) Y1: Lists, captions; Y2: Instructions (Curriculum link) F: Traditional Visual coding	NF: 1) Y1: Invitation/letter; Y2: Letter 2) Y1: Animal fact file (Curriculum link) F: Fairy Stories	NF: Y1:Instructions Y2: Developed instructions F: Animal stories/Fable	NF: Y1 Instructions (repeat) 1) Y2 News report (recount) 2) Y2: Letter (curriculum link) F: Stories from other cultures	NF: 1) Simple explanation 2) Y1: explanation (repeat) Y2: Instructions (curriculum link) F: Finding Story	NF: 1) Y1: Recount Y2: Information/ non-chronological report 2) Recount real events (Curriculum link) F: Adventure
Mathematics	Place Value (within 20) Addition and Subtraction (within 20)	Place Value (within 100) Shape	Place Value and Number Bond fluency (recap) Addition and Subtraction (within 100) Multiplication and Division	Place Value and Number Bond fluency (recap) Multiplication and Division cont'd Length and Height Statistics	Place Value and number fluency (recap) Money Fractions Time	Place Value and number fluency (recap) Time cont'd Mass, capacity and temperature Position and direction
RE		Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?	How does a celebration bring a community together?		What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?	
Computing	Digital Literacy and E-Safety		Grouping data / Information technology			Moving Robots Coding
Science	Materials Seasonal changes throughout the year	Animals including humans	Plants Seasonal changes throughout the year		Habitats (Seaside habitat) Seasonal changes throughout the year	

History	Local Places and changes within Living Memory – focus on houses Significant places in their locality – Windmill change over time.		Lives of significant individuals - Mary Anning		Changes in seaside towns	
Geography	UK cities Human and physical features of Thaxted	Seasonal changes throughout the year	Seasonal changes throughout the year Maps and aerial photos Observing school grounds Fossil explorers		Seasonal changes throughout the year Weather Continents and oceans Compass work	
Art	Potato prints linked with harvest Leaf printing linked with seasons Local Artist – printing and collage linked with Thaxted	Observational Drawings of local landmark Christmas art	Paintings and collage of dinosaurs Sculpture – dinosaurs – use clay for small sculptures and Modroc large class sculpture	Textiles - backpack	Printing – shells Plaster fossils of shells – imprint into clay Artist study - Andy Goldsworthy	Seaside art – painting and adding texture using sand
Design and Technology		Cooking - traditional bread		Textiles - Explorer's bags		Mechanisms and Structures (Pulleys) Lighthouse
Physical Education	Gymnastics	Dance	Gymnastics	Dance	Striking and Fielding	Athletics: running, throwing & jumping

Music	Charanga My Musical Heartbeat		Aurora Classroom – The Musical Toybox		Charanga Having Fun with Improvisation	
PSHE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me