

THORNWOOD



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Term 4: April - June 2025

Class: Primary 1

Class Teachers: Mrs Granger & Ms Randall

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LITERACY

We will continue to build on our phonics this term with a new sound each week. We will very soon have completed all of our alphabet single sounds and will begin to introduce digraphs - sounds made from two letters such as sh, ch or oo. Children will develop their confidence in using these to read and spell new words with increasing independence.

In writing this term we will explore some non-fiction texts. We will explore instructions and reports, examining model texts and having a go at writing our own. Our Enchanted Woodlands topic and outdoor learning will provide the context for our writing.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term we will focus on measure - length, weight and volume. We will compare and order as well as learning to measure items using non-standard units such as cubes. We will also revisit money and use our addition and subtraction skills to pay for items using different coin combinations.

Our number focus will be on how to fairly share quantities. We will continue to strengthen our skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's as well as solving missing number problems and doubling numbers.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

In the first few days of this term we had some classroom visitors who along with leaving behind footprints, fur and feathers left us a book - Greta and the Giants, and a letter asking for our help in rebuilding their home, The Enchanted Woodland. This will become our topic for this term. We will learn about Scottish woodlands, animal habitats, growing plants and looking after our environment. As we work through this term we will also take on the ideas and interests of the children to further to develop our learning. This topic will include lots of outdoor learning as well as art and crafts activities building a woodland in our classroom.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As we continue to work through our PAtHs (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme, we will be learning about **sharing, caring and friendships**. We will be learning about the SHANARRI health and wellbeing indicators - **Active** and **Included**. The focus will be on understanding everyone is special and unique whilst celebrating differences.

In PE, we will be preparing for Sports Day, which this year will have a Highland Games theme. We will be practising the different skills such as the caber toss, potato putt and welly throw. We will also have a go at more classic athletic events such as running races, hurdles, long jump and javelin.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

In term 4 we will learn about sharing, friendships and what can help us when we are feeling angry.

We will be exploring morals through stories by looking at the decisions made by the main characters and using this as a discussion focus.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Drama - Drama will help us to explore the story 'Greta and the Giants', all about a girl helping to save the forest. We will think about how we can use different voices to play different characters and show different feelings. Children will also explore using their bodies to become different animals and show how they move.

Music - We continue to have our YMI music specialist, Miss Hunter fortnightly on a Monday afternoon. She is teaching rhythm, pattern and pitch of voice.

Art - To help us create an enchanted woodland in our classroom we will be exploring how we can use different materials and techniques to create 3D art, creating our own trees and flowers.



Further Information

Key Dates

Sponsored Fun Run - Wed 7th May

Sports Day - Wed 14th May

Parents Evening - Wed 28th May

Whole School Trip - Wed 4th June

End of Year Assembly - Tues 17th June

School Closes - Wed 25th June 1pm

Outdoor Days

- Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure children have a waterproof jacket and spare socks in their school bag.

With the improving spring time weather a sun hat would be great on our outdoor learning days.

Gym Days

Monday and Thursday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 1 will continue to consist of:

- A weekly letter sound which is taught in class for you to practise at home. Please upload to seesaw any activities you do at home to learn the sound.
- Reading books will be sent home to read together. We also use these in class so please put back in your school bag every day!
- A numeracy focus or game to try at home.

Most importantly, we want learning together to be fun!

IDL Key Vocabulary

Here are some words that will be used in our topic this term. Please share these at home, discuss their meaning and translate into your own language.

woodland, forest, enchanted, habitat, environment, protect, plants, trees, roots, stem, trunk, branches, leaves, flowers



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