

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 4: April - June 2025

Class: Primary 2

Class Teachers: Miss McLean

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LITERACY

We will continue to build on our phonics this term with a new sound each week. We'll be focusing on digraphs and trigraphs, helping the children to recognise and use these more complex sounds in their reading and writing. We'll also continue to develop confidence in sentence building, spelling, and storytelling.

Our focus this term will be on procedural writing, using the story *How to Catch a Star* as our starting point. Together, we will retell and rewrite the story, create our own actions for key words, and build a strong understanding of the vocabulary used. This process will help the children internalise the structure of procedural texts. At the end of the unit, the children will complete an independent 'cold write' to showcase what they've learned.



Language - This term we will be learning Spanish. Looking at different greetings, colours and numbers.

NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term we will focus on measure - length, weight and volume. We will compare and order as well as learning to identify different units of measure. 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 skip counting, as well as multiplication and division using the 2, 4, and 5 times tables. We will work on building fluency with these tables, and practice using them in real-life situations to help strengthen the children's understanding of number patterns and calculations.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Our new topic this term is Space. I asked the children what they would like to find out about Space, and I've planned our learning around their fantastic questions and ideas. We'll be exploring concepts such as day and night, forces, stars, and life as an astronaut.

In addition to our Space topic, we're also taking part in an exciting STEM project all about trains. The children will work with a partner to design and build their own trains using scrap cardboard and other recycled materials, encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.



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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 - We explore using our bodies and facial expressions to tell a story. We will also role play drama activities based on our topic.

Music - We will be taking part in a range of fun, music-based games that focus on developing their understanding of rhythm and pattern. We will also be introducing different types of music and exploring how music can be used to suit different moods and scenes.

Art - We will be exploring lots of topic-based art activities linked to our Space theme. The children will use a variety of materials and techniques to create exciting and imaginative artwork. Later in the term, we will also be working on some fun and colourful Summer-themed art projects.



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

- Tuesday and Thursday

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

Tuesday and Wednesday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 2 will continue to consist of:

- The children will receive spelling and reading homework on Seesaw every Monday. This is due back via Seesaw on Fridays before the end of the school day.
- The children are also expected to be practicing their maths on Sumdog weekly.
- I will upload information on Seesaw about our weekly 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. **Planet, star, moon, sun, astronaut, orbit, galaxy, asteroid, solar system, gravity, rotation, Milky Way, constellation, shooting star**



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Seesaw

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