

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 4: April - June 2025

Class: Primary 3

Class Teacher: Mrs Hogg

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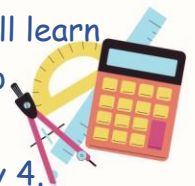
LITERACY

- Writing: P3 will be working on developing their writing skills with a focus on setting and using interesting describing words. This will link to our IDL this term which focuses on Minibeasts. These skills will be further enhanced through active spelling and grammar.
- Reading: The pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through weekly reading groups and comprehension tasks. We will focus on before, during and after reading strategies to build comprehension and inference skills.
- Listening and Talking: The pupils will continue to develop their skills through whole class discussions, group work and topic-related activities. We will have a focus on talking in small groups and presenting ideas this term.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

- In numeracy we will continue to expand our knowledge of addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies. Opportunities will be provided for children to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills through the mastery approach. The class will also continue to develop their mental arithmetic skills through practical and active challenges.
- In maths we will be focusing on angles, symmetry and transformation. Pupils will learn to identify and sort right angles, acute and obtuse angles and compass and map reading. Primary 3 will also revise other learning covered this year to ensure they have a good understanding of foundation skills before moving into Primary 4.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Our new topic this term is Minibeasts with a focus on identifying, classifying and sorting. The children have planned their learning around their fantastic questions and ideas. We will explore concepts such as insects, habitats, ecosystems and care for living things.

We will build bug hotels through junk modelling and a wormery where we hope to have the opportunity to observe, up close, minibeasts and the important job they have in our world.

We have four live stick insects which are being looked after well by the children.

These amazing creatures are giving the children great opportunities to study insects.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Throughout the year we have been exploring themes around the Health and Wellbeing Indicators (SHANARRI). This term we will focus on respect and moving on to Primary 4.

Through our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood lessons, pupils will learn the importance of similarities and differences. They will gain an understanding of how we are all unique and we should respect everyone no matter what they look like or what their beliefs are. If you would like to view the lesson content, it can be found at <https://rshp.scot/first>

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 hurdles, long jump and javelin.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

This term, Primary 3 will explore the story of Moses - The 10 Commandments and other stories to develop our knowledge of Christian beliefs and understand the role of Christianity in Scottish society and the world. We will continue to learn how to talk about our own beliefs in a respectful and kind way.



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 Minibeasts 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

Please ensure children have a waterproof jacket and spare socks in their school bag. With the improving springtime weather, a sun hat would be great on our outdoor learning days.

Gym Days

Monday and Wednesday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 3 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:

Insect, habitat, exoskeleton, thorax, abdomen, antenna, environment, arachnid, ecosystem.



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Seesaw

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