

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 3: August to October 2025

Class: Primary 2/1

Class Teachers: Mrs Donachie & Ms Randall

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LITERACY

Primary 1 be working hard to develop excellent listening skills, both in listening for instructions and to develop their phonological awareness. This includes listening for and identifying the sounds that make our words and sentences, syllables and rhyme. Primary 2 will extend their phonics by beginning to learn digraphs, two letter sounds such as ch, th or oo. They will use these sounds to read and spell new words. As part of our Talk for Writing programme, our whole class will work together to explore, learn and innovate the story The Naughty Bus. By sharing this and a collection of familiar and repeated stories the children will learn to become active participants in story-telling and then create and tell their own stories about our Thornwood Bus and the journeys it takes. We will share this on Seesaw. It is hugely beneficial for the children to share and discuss this at home as well as in school.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

With Mrs Donachie the Primary 1s will be learning to read, write and count numbers 0 to 10. We will learn how to form each number correctly and use them in ordering and matching activities. Primary 2 will be learning about place value up to 20. We will be learning to add and subtract using number bonds to 20. With Ms Randall the children will learn to name and describe a range of 2D and 3D shapes and exploring how their properties make them useful for different jobs. We will look out for these in our environment with particular interest in which shapes make up the school building. As we explore journeys around our local area we will learn positional and directional language and use this to begin to follow and give instructions.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

As we are celebrating a very special birthday this year, 125 years of Thornwood Primary School, we will take the opportunity to learn all about our school, community and local area. We will do so with the help from the Thornwood Bus, inspired by the story the Naughty Bus, who will take us on journeys around Thornwood past and present.

We will delve into the past and use photographs, videos and books to learn about the ways in which our local area has changed since the school opened. We will focus on the shops and business that pupils and families of Thornwood throughout the years have visited and compare these with the ones we love today.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As we continue to work through our PAtHs (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme, Primary 2/1 will be learning about the benefits of sharing, how this relates to caring for others, and the importance of including others.

As part of PAtHs, we will have a pupil of the day, who will receive compliments from classmates, teachers and themselves. These will then be photographed and uploaded to the child's Seesaw account.

In PE, the children will focus on fitness and team games. This involves excellent listening skills and a focus on keeping safe as we travel around the gym hall.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

As we learn about our school, community and local area through our social studies topic we will be exploring and celebrating how wonderfully diverse our Thornwood community is. The children will learn to name the different faiths practised by our community and through stories, images and sharing our own personal experiences they will begin to understand these different religions. We will talk about the importance of showing respect to others to allow us all to live as a happy community.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Music - Primary 2/1 will have a music teacher from YMI Music joining us fortnightly. The class will be sharing lots of singing and action songs, explore changes in tone and learn about dynamics. The children will even have the chance to play a few instruments. This will take place on a Monday afternoon.

Art - P2/1 will be working on their art skills through topical and seasonal art work.

Drama - P2/1 will be enjoying role play and retelling familiar stories.



Further Information

Key Dates

125 Year Celebration - Friday
19th September

September holiday 26th and
29th September

Parents' Evening 8th October

In Service Day - Friday 10th
October

October Week - Monday 13th
to Friday 17th October

Outdoor Days

- Monday, Wednesday
and Friday

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

Gym Days

Monday and Friday

Please remember not
to wear jewellery on
gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 2/1 will be shared on Seesaw and consist of:

- A learning grid of activities for you to choose from across the curriculum.
- After the September weekend we will also include a weekly letter sound which is taught in class for you to practise at home.
- Primary 2 will have reading books which will be sent home to read together. We also use these in class so please put back in your school bag every day! Primary 1 will begin reading books soon!

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.

local, area, map, street, road, shop, building, business

history, past, present, future

*butcher, baker, florist, greengrocer, optician, café,
restaurant, pharmacist*



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Seesaw

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