

THORNWOOD



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term: Term 1 August-October 2025

Class: Primary 4/3

Class Teacher: Mrs Douglas & Miss McLean

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LITERACY

- Reading : P4/3 will be using before, during and after reading strategies during our Guided Reading sessions and will further develop their comprehension skills when engaging with fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Writing: P4/3 will explore character and recount writing through our Mysterious Melin. Children will also work on their handwriting and presentation, and have a weekly spelling focus to support their writing.
- Talking and Listening: Children will continue to develop their talking and listening skills through class discussions and circle time.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

- We are exploring Place Value, using our knowledge of Hundreds, Tens and Ones to help us solve problems. Primary 4/3 will continue to develop their counting skills by counting in 1s forwards and backwards as well as skip counting from any number.
- P4/3 will be studying addition and subtraction and extending this further by looking at new methods and strategies to help them in their calculations.
- The class will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, thinking about their various properties and where we can see them in everyday life.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- This term we will be focusing on Thornwood for our 125th anniversary. We will learn about the history of the area and develop our knowledge of famous people who may have lived here.
- By looking at maps from today and in the past, P4/3 will develop their understanding of our local area and how things have changed. They will also design maps to show what they think it might have looked like in the times of King Arthur and Merlin.
- P4/3 will use technology to help them explore the local area and help them discover their place in the world.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Primary 4/3 will be reconnecting with the PAtHs curriculum and the themes of kindness, friendships and managing emotions using problem solving tools. Throughout the year we will be exploring themes around the Health and Wellbeing Indicators (SHANARRI). This term P4/3 will be learning around the themes of 'safe' and 'healthy'. They will also explore the importance of children's rights using the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and create their own class charter.
- P.E. will involve team games to build good sportsmanship and promote good communication and collaboration.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

- This term, P4/3 will be learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Pupils will explore the story of Rama and Sita, and how it links to the celebration of good overcoming evil. We will look at the different ways Hindus celebrate Diwali, such as lighting diya lamps, creating rangoli patterns, enjoying special foods, and spending time with family. Children will have opportunities to share their own experiences of special celebrations and to reflect on the importance of light as a symbol of hope and joy.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- In Art this term, P4/3 will be exploring the theme of *Mysterious Merlin*. Pupils will experiment with different materials and techniques to create artwork inspired by magical forests, castles, and mythical creatures. They will develop their skills in drawing, painting, and mixed media while learning to express mood and atmosphere through colour and texture. Children will also have opportunities to evaluate their own work and that of others.
- In Music, we will use the story of *Mysterious Merlin* to inspire singing, rhythm, and instrumental work. Pupils will learn songs linked to myths and legends. They will also explore how music can build tension and atmosphere.



Further Information

Key Dates

- 125 Year Celebration – Friday 19th September
- September holiday 26th and 29th September
- Family Reading session – 3rd October
- In Service Day – Friday 10th October
- October Week – Monday 13th to Friday 17th October
- Halloween Disco - Thursday 23rd October

Gym Days

- Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

- Homework will be uploaded to Seesaw on Monday to be completed by Thursday evening of each week.
- Homework will consist of spelling practice, reading and Sumdog challenges.
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IDL Key Vocabulary

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| • mysterious | • smoke | • fierce |
| • Merlin | • herbs | • dragons |
| • Partick | • honey | • mountains |
| • Thornwood | • crackle | • earth |
| • rushing | • bubbling | • beneath |
| • wizard | • potions | • centuries |
| • wise | • advice | • magic |
| • forest | • strayed | • rustles |
| • secrets | • storms | • guiding |



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Seesaw

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