

THORNWOOD



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 2: October to December 2025

Class: Primary 2/1

Class Teachers: Mrs Donachie & Ms Randall

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LITERACY

Primary 1 will begin to learn the initial sounds made by the letters of the alphabet. We are using the Jolly Phonics scheme of actions and songs - these can be found on YouTube if you would like to sing them at home! Using our sounds, we are starting to read and write simple Consonant-Vowel-Consonant (CVC) words. Please continue to encourage correct pencil grip and letter formation as part of your home learning. Primary 2 will continue to extend their phonics by learning digraphs, two letter sounds such as ch, th or oo. They will be supported and encouraged to begin using these independently to read and write new words. Our Talk for Writing story this term will be based on the children's book *Traction Man is Here* by Mini Gray. We will be using this text as a guide for including adjectives in our writing and also using the story mountain structure to create our own stories.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

With Mrs Donachie the Primary 1s will continue recognising, counting, ordering and matching activities, extending to 20. Primary 2s will be working on addition and subtraction, with numbers up to 100. We will be learning to skip count in 5s and 10s to 100.

With Ms Randall the children will learn about money and spending. They will all learn to recognise British coins and use these to buy items in our class shop. Primary 2 will also apply their addition and subtraction skills to pay for items using coin combinations and give change. We will also continue our learning on shape from Term 1 by identifying, naming and exploring 3D shapes.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Our topic this term will be all about Toys. We will be planning this responsively with the children in the coming weeks, sharing our ideas and curiosities. Some of the areas we will explore are,

- Sharing our favourite toys with the class.
- Toys from the past, including finding out about our parents' favourite toys.
- Learning about how moving toys work.
- Exploring the toys we play with at different stages in our lives, linking this with how we develop from babies to adults.
- Making our own toys.



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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 making good choices, sharing and caring. We will also be introducing 'Pupil of The Day' and giving compliments to our peers.

In PE, the children will focus on building their coordination and team working skills through ball skills and games.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

As a link to our Toys topic we will be exploring times and celebrations when different religions and cultures share gifts. The children will learn about these celebrations, gifting traditions and the meaning behind these. They will also have the opportunity to share times when they have been given gifts.

As we prepare for our Christmas nativity performance we will also be learning about the story of Christmas and how this is celebrated by the Christian faith.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Music - Primary 2/1 will continue to 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 - Children will extend their art skills through winter art work and topic based art. We will look at texture and collage, making teddy bear pictures and art work based on favourite toys. As the festivities approach, we will also be doing Christmas arts and crafts.

Drama - We will soon be practising for our Christmas Nativity performance. We will also explore different drama-based games focused on our topic of Toys.



Further Information

Key Dates

Nativity - 9th and 10th
December (time tbc)

Keep an eye on Seesaw for
Christmas party dates.

School closes at 2:30pm on
Friday 19th December

School returns on Monday 5th
January 2026

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 1 will be shared on Seesaw and consist of:

- Two weekly sounds to be practised in our Home Learning Jotters. Letters should be written and pictures drawn of words beginning with the sound.
- Flashcards of sounds learned so far should be practised weekly.
- Maths number formation will also be included in jotters.
- All jotters should be returned on a Friday.

Home Learning in Primary 2 will also be shared on Seesaw and consist of

- Two weekly sounds to be practised using the activities in the grid provided
- Weekly Sundog challenges
- Reading books to be shared together each night and returned to school on Friday

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.

toy, play, doll, action figure, jigsaws, teddies, board game

push, pull, spin, wind up, noise, light up, battery

Key vocabulary for our Talk for Writing will be shared on Seesaw.



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Seesaw

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