

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 3: January – April 2026

Class: Primary 4/3

Class Teacher: Miss McLean

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LITERACY

- Reading: The pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through weekly reading groups and comprehension tasks. P4/3 will continue to build their spelling skills through weekly phonics and spelling activities.
- We are currently learning about Scotland and Robert Burns in preparation for our class assembly. Towards the end of January, we will begin our new IDL topic, *How Things Work! (Machines and Inventions)*. Our focus will be on developing report-writing skills, helping pupils to organise information clearly and write using non-fiction features.
- Pupils will be taking part in class talks, sharing and explaining the information they have learned through their report-writing work, helping to build confidence and communication skills.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

- In Numeracy and Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division, helping pupils to develop fluency and problem-solving skills. We will also be working with identifying money to work out total amounts and differences. Primary 4/3 will look at estimation, encouraging children to apply their maths skills to real-life situations.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- Primary 4/3 will explore how different machines and inventions work in everyday life. In Science, they will investigate forces, movement and simple mechanisms to understand how things operate. In Technologies, the children will design, plan and create their own simple machines or models, applying problem-solving and practical skills. In Social Studies, pupils will look at the history of key inventions and consider how these have changed the way people live and work overtime.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- In Health and Wellbeing, we will be following lessons from the RSHP First Level programme (<https://rshp.scot/first-level/>). In Term 3, we will begin with a focus on Friends and Friendship, helping pupils to develop positive relationships, communication skills, and an understanding of respect and kindness.
- In PE, the class will be participating in tennis lessons on Mondays, where they will develop key skills such as coordination, balance and ball control. Primary 4 pupils are receiving a 6 week block of Soccer 4 (football) training too.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

- In RME, pupils will be exploring Lunar New Year, learning about how it is celebrated and why it is important to many people around the world. We will then move on to learning about Eid and Easter, helping children to develop an understanding of different beliefs, traditions and celebrations, while encouraging respect for others.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Primary 4/3 will explore the topic of *How Things Work!* through creative activities such as drawing and designing their own machines, making labelled diagrams, and building simple models. They will also use drama and role-play to demonstrate how inventions function, helping to develop imagination, creativity, and confidence in presenting their ideas.
- We are also exploring Robert Burns and Scotland, and we have made a variety of artwork and have been learning Scottish dancing. On Thursdays, pupils will be learning a range of Scottish dances in preparation for our school ceilidh, helping to build confidence, teamwork and an enjoyment of traditional dance.



Further Information

Key Dates

Robert Burns Assembly led by Primary 4/3 Thursday 22nd January

Family Ceilidh – Wednesday 4th February

February mid-term break - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th Feb. Inservice day Wednesday 18th Feb.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 25th March

School closes 2.30pm on Thursday 2nd April

Gym Days

- Monday and Thursday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

- Homework will be uploaded to Seesaw on Monday to be completed by the following Monday.
- Homework will consist of spelling practice, reading and Sumdog challenges.

IDL Key Vocabulary

- Machine
- Invention
- Object
- Device
- Tool
- Equipment
- Mechanism
- Rotate
- Function
- Operate
- Design
- Engineer
- Technology
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Controls



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