

THORNWOOD



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 4: April to June 2026

Class: Primary 4/3

Class Teachers: Miss McLean

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LITERACY

This term, Primary 4/3's literacy focus is on persuasive writing, using the Talk for Writing approach. This will be linked to our topic "*Animals in the Wild vs Animals in Captivity*." Learners will build their understanding of persuasive writing techniques and use a range of strategies to express their ideas.

We will also continue with our weekly reading groups, giving pupils the opportunity to read in small groups, with the class teacher, and in front of the class to help build confidence and fluency.

On Tuesdays, the class will have a focus on grammar techniques, and throughout the week we will have various spelling word practice activities.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

In numeracy this term, we'll be exploring fractions, decimals and percentages, using a range of different strategies to help us understand how they link together. We'll also be developing our skills in measuring and comparing mass, volume and area through practical activities and real-life contexts. We will also be looking at grids and building our understanding of their purpose and how they can be used in different contexts.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

In science, we will link our topic 'animals in the wild vs animals in captivity' and we'll be learning about habitats, animal needs, and how environments affect how animals behave and survive. Through social studies, we'll think about human impact—like zoos, conservation, and how people make decisions about caring for animals. In technology, we'll use devices to research different animals, watch clips, and create presentations to share what we've discovered.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

For PE this term, we're working with a dance coach every Tuesday, who will teach us a different part of a dance each week. At the end of the block, the class will put all the parts together and perform the finished dance to another class. On Thursdays, we'll be taking part in a variety of fitness stations to help build our skills as we prepare for sports day.

In health and wellbeing, we will be following the First Level RSHP progression planner. Our focus will be on "Boys and Girls" and "Keeping Clean." These topics support children in understanding their bodies, respecting differences, and developing good personal hygiene habits. The link to the website with more information on the lessons is:

<https://rshp.scot/first-level/>



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

Primary 4/3 will be focusing on morals this term. We will be exploring important values such as friendship, respect, kindness, honesty, fairness, responsibility, empathy, and inclusion. Through discussions and activities, pupils will learn how these values help us build positive relationships and make good choices.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

In expressive arts, we'll be getting creative by drawing, painting, and making models inspired by different animals and their environments. We'll also explore movement and drama, thinking about how animals move and express themselves. This term, we're excited to be working with a dance coach once a week, who will help us learn and build a dance piece step by step, all inspired by our topic of animals in the wild and in captivity.

Also, we have been working with SDLL to design the new garden, and our class will be specifically look at how we can incorporate the sense 'touch' into the garden.



Further Information

Key Dates

May Day Holiday - Monday 4th May.

School closure (Election) - Thursday 7th May.

Bank Holiday weekend - Friday 22nd & Monday 25th May.

Whole School Trip - Wednesday 3rd June

School Show - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th June

Awards/ Leavers assembly - Wed 17th June

School closes for summer - Thursday 25th June at 1pm

Gym Days

- Tuesday & Thursday
- Outdoor day: Wednesday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 4/3 will be shared on Seesaw and consists of:

- A weekly reading book.
- Spelling practice.
- SumDog Challenges.

IDL Key Vocabulary

- Habitat
- Captivity
- Wild
- Environment
- Survival
- Enclosure
- Conservation
- Endangered
- Welfare
- Protection
- Predator
- Migration
- Climate
- Sanctuary
- Freedom



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Seesaw

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