

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 1: August to October 2026

Class: Primary 2/1

Class Teachers: Mrs Donachie & Mrs Cree

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LITERACY

Primary 1 will 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 Little Red Hen. By sharing this and a collection of familiar and repeated stories the children will learn to become active participants in story-telling.



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 50. We will be learning to add and subtract using number bonds. With Mrs Cree 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 investigating which shapes make up the school building.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

This term, Primary 2/1 will explore the exciting world of The Farm. We will learn about different farm animals, where they live, what they eat and how farmers care for them. We will also discover where our food comes from and learn about the jobs farmers do throughout the year.

We will develop our learning through hands-on investigations, discussion, stories, role play, outdoor learning, simple experiments and play-based activities. Children will be encouraged to ask questions, make predictions, solve problems and share what they have discovered.



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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 written down and sent home.

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

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 art work.

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



Further Information

Key Dates

- Parents' Open Afternoon: Wednesday 9th September from 1.45-2.45pm.
- September weekend – Friday 25th and Monday 28th September.
- Parents Evening – Wednesday 7th October.
- In-service Day – Friday 9th October.
- October Holidays – Monday 12th – Friday 16th October.

Outdoor Days

- Wednesday and Friday

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

Gym Days

Monday and Friday - please wear trainers and leggings/jogging bottoms.

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

Home Learning in Primary 2/1 will be shared soon 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!

IDL Key Vocabulary

Here are some words that will be used in our topic 'The Farm' this term. Please share these at home, discuss their meaning and translate into your own language.

Cow, calf, pig, piglet, baby, horse, tractor, hay, farmer, field, shed, grass, milk, eggs, dig, ride, dirty, noisy, hungry.



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