

THORNWOOD



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term: 1 August to October 2026

Class: Primary 4

Class Teachers: Ms Wilson & Miss McLean

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LITERACY

- Reading: P4 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: Our writing will bring our exciting Ancient Egypt topic to life! Pupils will explore the features of recount writing and use their learning and imagination to create engaging recounts inspired by life in Ancient Egypt.
- 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 Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Ones to help us solve problems. Primary 4 will continue to develop their counting skills by counting in 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s forwards and backwards as well as skip counting from any number.
- P4 will be further developing their knowledge of addition and subtraction and expanding this by looking at new methods and strategies to help them in their calculations.
- We are looking at properties of 2D shapes, irregular shapes, symmetrical patterns and learning how to interpret information from a range of data.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- We will start the first few weeks of term by focusing on “My culture, my identity”. We will be discussing what makes us unique and celebrating the wonderful diversity of our school.
- We will then move onto the exciting topic of “Ancient Egypt”. There is certainly a lot to explore including hieroglyphics, mummies and contents of a pyramid. We are looking forward to delving into this topic!



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- This term in PE Primary 4 will participate in weekly sessions of basketball with a focus on teamwork, ball control and spatial awareness. In our other session of PE there will be a focus on being active and living healthy lifestyles while participating in different forms of exercise and team games.
- Primary 4 will be continuing to the next stage of the PATHS programme (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies). This will encourage discussion, group tasks and drama activities surrounding friendships, trust and diversity.
- Our focused SHANARRI theme for this term will be 'healthy' and 'included'.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

- As Autumn approaches, we will be learning about Harvest and how people celebrate this time around the world.
- We will also be learning about Diwali, the festival of lights, including the story of Rama and Sita and how good triumphs over evil.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- We will be creating some lovely Autumn artwork for our classroom using media such as paint, oil pastels and pencil line drawing.
- Primary 4 have created artwork to showcase their 'culture and identity' and this will be displayed in the school. We will continue to use art throughout our 'Ancient Egypt' topic.
- We will explore drama through a range of engaging scenarios. We will use role-play and performance to develop our understanding of friendship, relationships and health and wellbeing, as well as bringing our Ancient Egypt topic to life. Through drama, pupils will develop their confidence, creativity, communication and teamwork skills.



Further Information

Key Dates

September

- Parents' Open Afternoon:
Wednesday 9th September from 1.45-2.45pm.
- Friday, 25 September and Monday, 28 September 2026 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 9 October 2026 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 October 2026 (October week)

Gym Days

- Wednesday and Thursday

Please remember not to wear jewellery on gym days.

Home Learning

- As a school, we are still in the process of setting up a new home learning platform. In the meantime, please find spelling words and reading books in your child's schoolbag.

IDL Key Vocabulary

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

Egypt, ancient, pharaoh, pyramid, Nile, mummy, hieroglyphics, tomb, artefact, papyrus, archaeologist, scribe, after-life, desert.



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