



Mid Calder Primary School – P4 Class Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and made some fantastic memories with family and friends! I am so excited to be working with Primary 4 and I look forward to lots of fun and busy times ahead.

Thanks again for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns. Here's to a great year!

Mrs Bukhari

Literacy

Spelling:

We will follow a spelling progression using differentiated activities with new spelling words issued each week.

Writing:

We will continue to use our PM Writing programme and our initial focus will be on writing descriptions and recounts. Some of our writing will also link closely to IDL work.

Reading

We will be using guided reading sessions to explore key reading skills with the aim to facilitate literacy circles later in the term. We will also continue to develop our reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy:

This term the focus will be on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

Maths:

This term our beyond number focus will be on position and directional language, grid references and angles.

We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks'

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first few weeks of this term, we will be looking at the novel 'The Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird. We will explore this novel through various literacy, numeracy, health and well-being, drama, and art activities. We will then move on to explore 'Save our Seas' as our topic. Using our consultative planners, we will establish key questions with the children ensuring a child-led approach to our learning.

P.E. and Outdoor Learning

P.E. and Outdoor Learning days:

Tuesday (P.E with Mrs Bukhari)

Wednesday (P.E with Mrs Walker)

Clothing:

Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing on P.E and outdoor learning days for indoors/outdoors.

Digital Learning

We are regularly using digital technology within the classroom and logging into 'Microsoft Teams' and other online programmes. If you have any issues with digital logins, please get in touch and I will do my best to sort them.

Rights Respecting School

In March 2023 we successfully achieved our Bronze Rights Respecting School Award. As a school we are currently working towards our Silver Award, and we are engaging in lots of activities to develop our children's understanding of their rights. If you'd like to learn more, then you can use the following link from Parents Club <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/childrens-rights>.

Other Information

Homework

Homework will not be issued until after the September break and will be posted on our P4 Teams page. The tasks will range from core curricular areas to health and wellbeing and IDL tasks. I appreciate all the support and time you give when your child completes their homework.

Other Members of Staff:

Mrs Walker will be teaching the class on Wednesdays where they will cover Writing, Maths, Music, and P.E. Miss Clark will be taking the class every Tuesday morning for Expressive Arts.

