

Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 1



August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School! I hope you have had a great summer and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine! I am very excited to be your child's teacher for the year ahead in Primary 5 and have loved spending the last 2 weeks getting to know them, establishing a good relationship through team-building challenges and getting them back into the routine of the classroom. We have a great year planned with lots of exciting learning opportunities!

Mr Kerr

Literacy

Spelling: Weekly spelling words issued with differentiated activities completed in class and as part of homework.

Reading: Group guided reading sessions within class. Our class novel for Term 1, 'The Witches', will also support development of our comprehension skills.

Writing: Term 1 focus will be on descriptive writing, which will be linked to our IDL topics with many opportunities for creative, free writing.

Listening and Talking: We will develop these areas through our Skills Builder programme in addition to daily group discussions within the classroom.

Numeracy

Numeracy: This term will focus on place value alongside the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Maths: We will also be looking at Data Handling and Measurement.

We will be using Number Talks to help develop mental strategies.

Digital Learning

We will make regular use of digital technologies, in particular 'Microsoft Teams'. This will be used in class and for homework. Please let me know if there are any access issues and I will try my best to sort.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The first part of the term will focus on our class novel 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl. Through this we will cover numerous areas of the curriculum such as Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Well Being, Drama and Expressive Art.

We will then move on to explore World War II as our IDL context for learning. As a class we will use our consultative planners to establish key questions the pupils wish to explore to ensure a child-led approach to our learning.

Additional Information

P.E. Days - P.E. will occur on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure they bring appropriate clothing to change into.

Homework - Homework will be issued after the September break. More details to follow.

Other Adults helping in our class:

Mrs. Ross will be taking the class for Modern Languages on Tuesdays.

Miss. Clark will be teaching Expressive Arts on Thursdays.

Rights Respecting Schools

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

