

Primary 5/6 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

August 2023

Welcome back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School! I hope you are feeling refreshed after the summer holidays. To start the year, we have been building our class community and reminding ourselves of school routines, rules and values. We have created a class charter and explored the UNCRC rights of a child. We are looking forward to the learning experiences ahead and are excited to share these with you at different points during the year.

Mr Renshaw

Literacy

Spelling: Each week, spelling patterns will be taught and practised via a variety of activities. Spelling words will be provided for homework to aid revision.

Reading: There will be group guided reading sessions within class. Our class novel for Term 1, 'The Night Bus Hero', will help us explore the author's theme and message.

Writing: Our 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, we will focus on place value alongside addition and subtraction.

Maths: We will be exploring measurement and shape through a variety of practical experiences.

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.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The first part of the term will focus on our class novel, 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q. Rauf. Alongside a core focus on Literacy, there will many links to Health and Wellbeing and Expressive Arts.

Later in the term, we will 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 take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should wear appropriate clothing.

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

Other Adults helping in our class:

Miss. Clark will be teaching Expressive Arts on Tuesdays.

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

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>.

