



Mid Calder Primary School - P6 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 6/7!

After hopefully a relaxing summer holiday I am looking forward to welcoming P6/7 back into the classroom. I am excited to start Term 1 as we have lots of lessons planned and many activities to look forward to. 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. I am looking forward to working with your children and meeting you soon.

Miss Hawes



Literacy Learning:

- Spelling - We will follow the Jolly Grammar spelling progression using differentiated tasks each week.
- Writing and Grammar - We will continue to use the 'PM Writing' programme within both our writing and grammar lessons. Our next text focus will be 'descriptions'.
- Reading - We will be using guided reading sessions to explore key reading skills with the aim to facilitate literacy circles. We will continue to develop our reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills.

Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- Numeracy - The focus this term will begin with Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages & Multiples, Factors and Primes.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be Data Analysis and Probability.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first few weeks of this term, we will be looking at the novel 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q. Rauf. We will explore this novel through various literacy, health and well-being, drama, and art activities.

We will then move on to explore 'World War II'. We will use our consultative planners to establish key questions to guide the learning throughout the term.

P.E

We will be spending lots of time learning outside everyday so please ensure your child always has appropriate footwear and a jacket.

I will lead P.E on a Tuesday and Thursday. As a class we will participate in the Daily Mile on a Thursday. This means that your children should be prepared for outdoor lessons on these days (Tuesday and Thursday).

Digital Learning:

We are consistently using digital technology within the classroom and are regularly logging into 'Microsoft Teams' and other online programmes. If you wish to practice the skills your child has learnt in literacy and numeracy, then they can use their logins at home. I encourage the use of these outside of school as well, as they are great for independent learning. If you have any issues with digital logins, please get in touch and I will do my best to sort them. The children can choose to bring in their own devices as part of the BYOD scheme and should ensure they follow the guidelines for using these devices safely and responsibly in school.



Homework:

Homework will be issued after September break and will be posted on our digital platforms. The tasks will be based on a range of curricular areas. I appreciate all the support and time you give when your child completes their homework.

United Nations Rights of a Child: 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 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>.

