



MID CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL – P7 LEARNING LETTER



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 7 in their final year and I look forward to lots of fun and busy times ahead. We have an exciting start to Term 1 with our P7 House Captain Election and buddying roles with our new PIs.

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!

Miss Sherlow



LITERACY



SPELLING:

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

WRITING AND GRAMMAR:

In the early part of the term, we will link our writing to our class novel 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q. Rauf. We will then continue to use our PM Writing programme to explore the structure and language features of a variety of texts.

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 begin with fractions, decimals and percentages.

MATHS:

This term the focus will begin with time and data handling.

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 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 as our IDL context for learning. Using our consultative planners, we will establish key questions with the children ensuring a child-led approach to our learning.



P.E.

P.E. DAYS:

Monday (P.E with Miss Sherlow) *Outdoor*
Tuesday (P.E with Miss Hawes) *Indoor*

Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing on P.E 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. The children can choose to bring their own device as part of the BYOD scheme and should ensure they follow the guidelines for using these devices safely and responsibly in school.

OTHER INFORMATION

HOMEWORK

Homework will be issued after the September break and will be posted on our P7 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.

P7 TRANSITION

P7 will have opportunities to take part in a variety of transition activities and events across the year. Any important information and dates will be passed on to parents/carers once this information is passed on from the relevant High Schools throughout the year.

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 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>.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Primary 7 will have lots of opportunities to take on leadership roles throughout their final year, including becoming House and Vice Captains, leading lessons across the school, and buddying.

