

Mid Calder Primary School



Primary 5/6

Tuesday 29th August 2023




Structure of the School Day

Monday to Thursday

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- 8.00 Breakfast Club (Optional)
 - 8.30 Playground supervision
 - 8.45 School Day starts
 - 9:00 Morning Session 1
 - 10.30 Break
 - 10:45 Morning Session 2
 - 12.30 Lunch
 - 13.10 Afternoon Session
 - 15.05 End of School Day

Structure of the School Day

Friday

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- 8.00 Breakfast Club
 - 8.30 Playground supervision
 - 8.45 School Day starts
 - 9:00 Whole School Assembly
 - 9:30 Morning Session 1
 - 10.30 Break
 - 10:45 Morning Session 2
 - 12.25 End of School Day



Weekly Timetable

	8:45-9:00	9:00-10:30			10:30-10:45	10:45-12:30		12:30-1:10	1:10-3:05	
Monday	Register iPay Soft Start	Health and Wellbeing	Spelling	Guided Reading	Break	News round Class Novel	Number Talks Numeracy/Maths	Lunch	IDL	Skills builder
Tuesday	Register iPay Soft Start	Number Talks	Writing planning/Grammar	Guided Reading	Break	News round Class Novel	Art	Lunch	Science	RME
Wednesday	Register iPay Soft Start	Writing		Guided Reading	Break	News round Class Novel	Number Talks Numeracy/Maths	Lunch	PE	Technologies
Thursday	Register iPay Soft Start	Spelling	Handwriting	Guided Reading	Break	News round Class Novel	Number Talks Numeracy/Maths	Lunch	IDL	PE
Friday	Register iPay Soft Start	Number Talks	French Mrs Ross		Break	Assembly	Fun Friday			

School Uniform

- Grey trousers/skirt/shorts and white shirt/blouse and red & grey striped school tie (grey/red cardigan optional)
- Grey trousers/skirt/shorts and red school polo shirt with school badge and grey school sweatshirt with school badge
- Grey school cardigan
- **Summer:** Red and white gingham dress with red or grey cardigan
- **P.E. Kit:** As we promote physical activity and outdoor learning, we recommend pupils wearing school logo joggers and jumpers on active days. Please also provide wellies, jackets, sunscreens etc. where appropriate—we aim to be outside in all weathers so please ensure your child is equipped for the day and changing elements!

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

***Nearly New/Used Uniform Available from School Uniform 'Swap Shop'**

Lunchtime Reminder

- School lunches are ordered daily through iPay – All P1-5 children are entitled to free school lunches
- You can look at the lunches at home with your child and pre order your child's lunch.
- Friday lunches are ordered in class earlier in the week.



Important Documents

- Photo permission forms are valid from 2022/23. Please contact the office if you would like to make any changes.
- Please ensure that all medical forms are filled in fully and handed back promptly with any appropriate medication.
- We cannot issue medication to children unless the relevant form is completed and boxed/prescription information is shared.
- Please update the school office if there are any healthcare changes during the year.




Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

- Across our school we use consultative planning methods which means that our “topic” based learning comes from our pupils.
- The focus and content of this learning is determined by questions, investigations and interests from our children – they help to design what they would like to learn.
- The teacher then crafts and builds activities to support and develop this learning, alongside curriculum experiences, outcomes and planned assessments using our national Curriculum For Excellence benchmarks.
- This term, our learning context will begin with ‘The Night Bus Here’ and then World War II



Literacy – Reading

- We will be focussing on various key reading skills and developing our independence to use these in our group reading sessions.
- Each child will have a group reading book and homework will be set each week. This may be specific pages, or tasks.
- There will be frequent opportunities for reading for enjoyment from our school/class library and online resources.

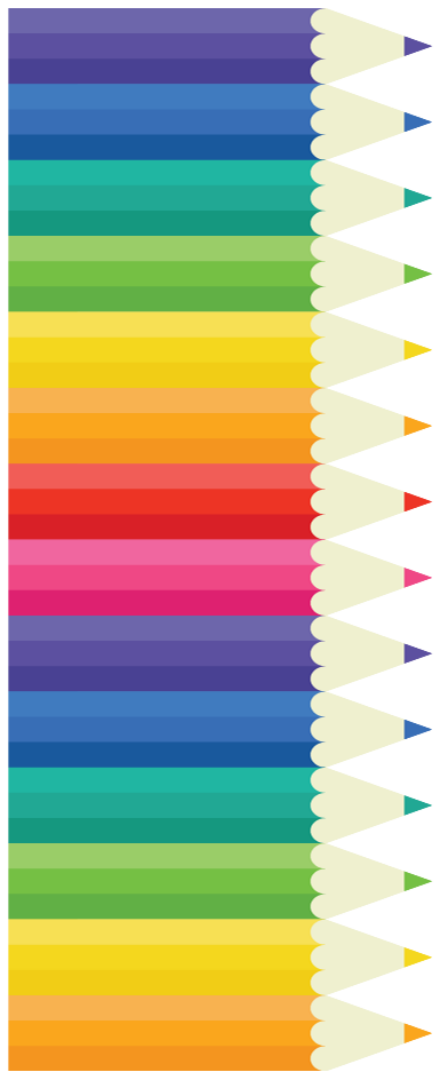


Literacy – Writing

- We are using the PM writing scheme to focus on key writing skills which will link with other curricular areas.
- Our first writing genre is ‘description’, which will then move on ‘procedure’ and ‘exposition’.
- We will develop handwriting skills across all curriculum areas using the Letter-join Handwriting Programme.

Literacy – Listening and Talking

- Listening and talking skills will be embedded across lots of curricular areas – with particular focus on our IDL topics and reading.






Literacy – Listening and Talking



Opportunities for Listening and Talking:

- Guided reading sessions
- Learning discussions – writing
- Number Talks
- Group tasks/Partner work
- Check in/news time
- Prepared class talks
- Whole school assemblies



Literacy – Spelling

- We will continue to follow the ‘Jolly Grammar’ spelling programme.
- Children will focus on a new spelling rule each week and there will be tasks to develop these skills alongside homework.



Numeracy and Maths

- Numeracy – The focus this term will be place value and addition and subtraction.
- Maths – The focus for this term will be measurement and shape.
- Using ‘Number Talks’ will allow us to develop mental strategies.
- We will continue to use a range of resources and programmes to support our numeracy and maths.

Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus – Children’s Rights
- SOAR Values
- Positive relationships – Ready, Respect, Safe
- Daily HWB check-ins
- Class Charter
- One Trusted Adult
- WL HWB Trackers



Health and Wellbeing

- Throughout the year, different aspects of health and wellbeing will be taught using the RSHP resource (<https://rshp.scot/>) and the Emotion Works programme.
- PE – Wednesday and Thursday (indoors and outdoors)



Homework

- Homework will be posted on our P5/6 Teams page each week. This will consist of Numeracy/Maths and Spelling alongside occasional IDL activities. Reading books will be sent home each week with set pages to read.
- More details will follow after the September break.

Digital Learning

- Continued use of digital technologies to enhance and engage learning across the curriculum.
- Children use a range of devices and digital platforms:
 - Sumdog
 - Hit the Button
 - Top marks
 - First News
 - EPIC reading
 - Procreate
 - Kahoot
 - Netbooks
 - iPads
 - Spheros
 - Green screen
 - Stick bots
 - Beebots/botleys
 - Blooket



Digital Learning

- We are using digital learning every day in P5/6 and encourage the safe digital use outlined in our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) form. P5s will receive a new contract after the September break.
- BYOD is optional. There are many school digital devices available.



Skills Builder

- We use the Skills Builder programme in school to provide a common language for skills and skills progression across the school.





Pupil Voice



- Pupil voice is an important part of the UNCRC rights of a child.
- We are setting up pupil committee groups for P1-P3 and P4-P7 covering Eco/Sustainability, Digital, Rights, Reading, Pupil Parliament. Every child will be involved.





Website:

<https://midcalderprimary.co.uk>



PARENT ZONE
Information for parents



BLOG
Read the latest school news



PUPIL RESOURCES
Resources for pupils to access at home



ONLINE PARENT SERVICES
Parents Portal including PlayImpact. (External site)

X: @MidCalder_PS





Thank you!

If you wish to attend a further workshop with another teacher, then please head back to the hall where our P7 helpers will escort you to the correct class.