

Mid Calder Primary School - P3 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 3!

After hopefully a relaxing summer holiday I am looking forward to welcoming P3 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. We have spent the last few weeks of Primary 3 getting to know each other, establishing routines and creating a positive classroom ethos. 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 revise sounds we have previously learned in Primary 2 and then will continue to use the Phonics International programme to develop new sounds and spelling patterns / phonics.
- **Writing** - We will continue to use the 'PM Writing' programme, our first text focus will be 'information writing'. We will be using the letter-join programme to develop correct letter size and formation across all writing tasks.
- **Reading** - We will be using fiction and non-fiction texts this term to help develop skills in predicting, questioning and summarising. Reading books will be assigned to children and should be brought to school every day.
- **Listening and Talking** - We have been using our skills builder and listening booklets to embed these skills into our classroom and are enjoying practicing during news time and classroom discussions too.



We are a **Reading School**

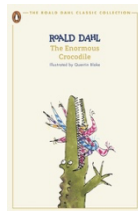
Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- **Numeracy** - The focus this term will begin with place value and number structures.
- **Maths** - The focus for this term will begin with measurement.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies and number sense using 'Number Talks'.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first half of this term, we will be reading the novel 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. We will explore this novel through various literacy, health & wellbeing, and expressive art activities. Through consolidation and classroom conversations we have discussed lots about different animals and established some questions we'd like to explore. We will be linking these to our health and wellbeing outcomes and 'The Global Goals'.

- What do animals do when we are sleeping?
- How do animals breathe underwater?
- How do animals use camouflage?
- Do animals have feelings and emotions?
- Why do we keep animals as pets?
- Where do animals live in the world?



P.E and Outdoor Learning - We will be spending lots of time learning outside so please ensure your child always has appropriate footwear and a jacket. I will lead P.E on a Tuesday and Friday.

Homework - Homework will start after the September break. More information to follow.

Adults helping us: Miss Clark will be teaching the pupils art this term. Mrs Smith will be supporting the pupils with literacy and health and wellbeing this term. Miss Smith will be our Pupil Support Worker this term.

United Nations Rights of a Child: In December 2024 we successfully achieved our Silver Rights Respecting School Award. As a school we are currently working towards our Gold 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>

