

Primary 3/4 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

August 2024

Welcome back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School. I hope you have enjoyed your summer. The children have settled in very well and we are looking forward to the term ahead. Hopefully, the information below in addition to our Meet the Teacher evening will keep you up to date with all that is happening in class. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

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 plus opportunities for 1:1 reading with an adult.

Writing: Our term 1 focus for writing will be information reports. There will also be opportunities for creative, free writing.

Listening and Talking: We will develop this area of the curriculum through our Skills Builder programme in addition to daily group discussions within the classroom.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy: This term, we will begin by focusing on place value including reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will use a variety of hands-on and visual resources to support this learning.

Maths: We will be exploring shape in our everyday environment and apply our learning in design and construction activities.

Number Talks: Every day, we will have opportunities for 15-minute Number Talks sessions. These are short classroom discussions about how to solve calculations, giving every child an opportunity to share successful strategies with their peers.

Building our Class Community

We are currently focusing on building our class community through discussion, activities and social skills games. We are working hard to understand our school values: Successful, Optimistic, Adventurous and Respectful (SOAR) and our school rules: Ready, Respect and Safe.

We are enjoying getting to know one another and being reminded of routines and expectations for learning.

Additional Information

P.E. Days: P.E. will take place on Tuesdays (outdoors) and Wednesday (indoors). Children should wear appropriate clothing.

Homework: Homework will be issued following the September holiday weekend. More information to follow.

Other Adults helping in our class:

Miss. Clark will be teaching Expressive Arts and French.

Miss Smith (PSW) will be supporting us in class Monday-Thursday.

Rights Respecting Schools

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>.

