



P5/6 Learning Letter – August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to welcome our P5/6 children back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School. We hope you have had a lovely summer. We have spent the last 2 weeks getting to know your children and establishing new routines. We have been working on our class community, particularly focusing on our class charter, school rules and values. The children have also been looking at the UN Rights of a child and have been making decisions about how the rights fit in to our classroom. The children have been discussing how we ensure our classroom is a safe and caring learning environment and thinking of ways that they can take ownership of this ethos.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Mrs Redmond (Wed/Thurs/alternate Fridays) and Mrs Murray (Mon/Tues/alternate Fridays)



English & Literacy

Spelling: Weekly spelling words issued, linked to our Phonics International sounds. Activities completed daily in class and as part of homework.

Reading: Establish our Guided Reading sessions within class. Consolidate skills such as, summarising, predicting, clarifying and questioning. Our class novel will support development of our comprehension and inferencing skills.

Writing: Our writing in the early part of this term will be linked to our class novel 'There's a Boy in the Girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We will also be focusing on writing Information Reports using our school writing programme, PM Writing.

Listening and Talking: Children will embed listening and talking skills in to the classroom environment and group situations. Children will also be participating in the Skills Builder programme which will focus on listening and speaking skills.



Maths & Numeracy

Mental Strategies and Problem solving in real life contexts. Can the children use their maths and numeracy skills to solve worded problems?

Daily Number Talks will support the children when talking about their strategies and becoming more efficient when answering.

Maths and Numeracy:

- Place Value
- Four operations – Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Data Handling

Times tables practise:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://www.transum.org/Software/Tablesmaster/>
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/2-times-table.html>

Interdisciplinary Learning: There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

This term, our class novel is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. The novel will give us a context for learning more about friendship, inclusion and changing relationships. We will explore:

- The main characters and look closely at their characteristics
- How the author uses language to create pictures in the reader's mind
- What are the key themes/messages from the story? What connections can we make to real life?

P.E. Days – Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure your child wears clothing suitable for taking part in P.E.

Outdoor Learning - learning in the outdoors will be embedded into our days, so please ensure your child has a coat every day.

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

Adults helping in our class:

- Mrs Smith will be teaching the children HWB this term.
- Miss Clark will be teaching the children Art this term.
- Mrs Combe will be our Pupil Support Worker this year.

Reminder – Please try to label coats, jumpers etc. It helps us get them back to the correct children at the end of the day!

"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>."

