



Mid Calder Primary P6 Learning Letter - Term 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 6!

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and a huge welcome back to our new Primary 6 class. The first 2 weeks since returning have been spent getting to know each child and for them to get to know me. Together we have looked at routines and how our Primary 6 class will look. We have also been working on our class community and forming our class charter which links to our school rules and values, and using the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child to think about our rights and link these to our class.

Thank you for your support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries. I am looking forward to working with your children.

Miss Peters



English & Literacy

Spelling: There will be weekly spelling words issued, these will link to our Phonics International sounds. Activities will be completed daily in class and as part of homework.

Reading: We will be using guided reading sessions to explore reading skills. Guided Reading sessions within class will help develop skills such as summarising, predicting, clarifying, and questioning.

Writing: Our writing will follow the 'PM writing programme', our focus for term 1 will be 'Information Report'.

Listening and Talking: Primary 6 will be using the Skills Builder programme which will focus on listening and speaking skills. We will embed both listening and talking skills in the class environment.



Maths & Numeracy

Daily Number Talks will be used to support the children and offer differentiated challenges. When talking about their strategies we will use Bloom's taxonomy to reflect on our learning.

Numeracy - The focus this term will begin with place value alongside addition and subtraction

Maths - Mrs Smith will be exploring measurement and shape this term

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: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'

This term, our class novel is 'There's a Boy at the Back of the Class'. The novel will give us a context for learning more about friendship and inclusion. We will explore:

- The main characters and look closely at their characteristics.
- What are the key themes within the story?
- The feeling the characters may have in their given situation.
- What connections can we make to real life?

P.E. Days - Monday and Thursday

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

Outdoor Learning - learning in the outdoors will be throughout the week 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, Writing and Maths Beyond Number on a Wednesday
- Mrs Combe will be our Pupil Support Worker this year

Reminder - Please try to label coats, jumpers, and cardigans where possible. 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>."

