



Mid Calder Primary School – PIB Class Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian

Welcome to Term 2 of Primary 1!

We are almost half way through Primary 1 already! Thank you for your support so far. It is much appreciated. We are looking forward to another busy term, with lots of exciting experiences and new learning. The highlights of last term included receiving our P1 Scottish Bookbug Bags at our Book Week parent pop-in. We also had our marvelous "Barney Bethlehem" Christmas Nativity, which the children worked very hard on and performed brilliantly to their audiences! Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Mina & Mrs Walker



Literacy Learning:

- **Phonics** - We will continue to learn single letter phonics sounds, and soon introduce double letter digraphs (sh, ch, ai etc).
- **Writing** - We will continue to use the 'PM Writing' programme to implement writing. Our next focus will be 'narrative writing'. We will be working on correct letter formation, blending sounds to build words and will start to use finger spaces and full stops. We also fully encourage free writing opportunities through play.
- **Reading** - We will be continuing to develop our awareness of reading skills and reciprocal reading roles. We will be introducing "tricky" or common word tubs to practice regularly at home. Reading books will be assigned to children at their level and should be brought to school every day.
- **Listening and Talking** - We will continue to develop and use our skill builder lessons to support listening and talking within and beyond the classroom. This term we will aim to introduce a small class talk. Further information to follow.



Numeracy and Maths Learning:

Numeracy - The focus this term will be on addition and subtraction within 10. We will also learn about counting and ordering numbers beyond 10. We will continue to develop mental strategies and number sense using 'Number Talks'.

- **Maths** - The focus for this term will begin with time, covering days of the week, months of the year and introducing O'clock times on analogue and digital clocks.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

After consultation with the children, our focus this term will be on "Scotland". We will explore the country we live in, through various areas of the Curriculum. Through consolidation and classroom discussions we have discussed lots about Scotland and established questions we'd like to explore. Here are a few our children have chosen:

- "How do and what do Scottish people celebrate?"
- "Are there any special places?"
- "What languages do Scottish people use?"
- "Are there any famous people?"
- "What are the seasons like in Scotland?"

P.E. and Outdoor Learning - Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Please make sure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child always has appropriate footwear and suitable clothing for the changeable Scottish weather.

Homework - We will continue to send home reading books and post SEESAW tasks on a Tuesday. We will be increasing to two books a week this term. Please practice them daily with your child at home.

Adults helping us: We welcome Miss Robertson who will be teaching P.E. on a Tuesday this term. Miss Clark will be teaching Drama on a Thursday. We will continue to be supported in class by Mrs Butler, Mrs Clark and Mrs Agarwal throughout the week.

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>

