

# Primary 3/4 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

January 2025

Welcome back to a new term at Mid Calder Primary School. I hope you have enjoyed your Christmas break. We are back into our daily routines in class and we are looking forward to the term ahead. Hopefully, the information below will keep you up to date with all that is happening in class. Also, look out for new highlights from all of the classes in the monthly school newsletter. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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. This term, a key focus will be non-fiction texts.

**Writing:** Our focus for writing this term will be narrative. There will also be opportunities for creative, free writing.

**Listening and Talking:** We develop this area of the curriculum through our Skills Builder programme in addition to daily group discussions within the classroom. This term, we also have a special focus on Scots language.

## Numeracy & Maths

**Numeracy:** This term, we will begin by focusing on multiplication. We will use a variety of hands-on and visual resources to support this learning, along with use of written methods.

**Maths:** We are currently exploring time in our everyday lives. We are learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks, estimating times and solving time duration problems.

**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.

## Homework

Homework is issued on Tuesdays and is due on Mondays. It usually consists of spelling words to practise, a maths game or activity and reading pages. More details are on Teams (P4) and Seesaw (P3). Reading homework will be stated in reading records. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are kept in school bags as we often use them in class during the week for reading lessons and one-to-one reading with Mr Renshaw or Miss Smith (PSW). Please get in touch if you would like any support with completing homework.

## Additional Information

**PE Days:** PE will take place on Mondays with Miss Robertson (indoors) and Tuesdays (outdoors). Children should wear appropriate clothing. Our Tuesday PE session is currently being provided by West Lothian Community Foundation as part of their 'Score with Maths' programme which links Numeracy & Maths learning with football.

**Other Adults helping in our class:**  
Miss Robertson will be teaching PE on Mondays.  
Miss Clark will be teaching Expressive Arts on Tuesdays, currently focusing on Drama.  
Miss Smith (PSW) will be supporting us in class Monday-Thursday.

## Rights Respecting Schools

**United Nations Rights of a Child:** 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>.

