



Mid Calder Primary School - P3 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 2 of Primary 3!

After hopefully a relaxing Christmas holiday I am looking forward to welcoming P3 back into the classroom. I am excited to start Term 2 as we have lots of lessons planned and many activities to look forward to. Thanks again for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Miss Hawes



Literacy Learning:

- **Spelling** - We will continue to use the Phonics International programme to develop new sounds and spelling patterns / phonics.
- **Writing**- We will continue to use the 'PM Writing' programme, our first text focus will be 'narrative'. We will be using the letter-join programme to develop correct letter size and formation across all writing tasks.
- **Reading** - We will be using fiction and non-fiction texts this term to help develop skills in predicting, questioning and summarising. Reading books will be assigned to children and should be brought to school every day.
- **Listening and Talking** - We have been using our skills builder and listening booklets to embed these skills into our classroom and are enjoying practicing during news time and classroom discussions too.



Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- **Numeracy** - The focus this term will begin with multiplication and division.
- **Maths** - The focus for this term will begin with shape.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies and number sense using 'Number Talks'.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first part of this term, we will be learning all about space. P3 voted on this topic through consolidation and classroom conversations we have established some questions we'd like to explore. We will be linking these to our science and technology outcomes.

- I want to learn about the stars and black holes.
- I want to learn about spaceships, astronauts and how they get into space.
- I want to learn about the sun, moon and the other planets.
- I want to learn about the earth and how it was made.



P.E and Outdoor Learning - We will be spending lots of time learning outside so please ensure your child always has appropriate footwear and a jacket. Miss Robertson will lead PE on a Tuesday, and I will lead P.E on a Friday.

Homework - Homework will continue in the same format. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Adults helping us: Miss Clark will be teaching the pupils drama this term. Miss Robertson will be teaching the pupils P.E this term. Miss Smith will be our Pupil Support Worker this term.

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>.

