



Mid Calder Primary School – PIB Class Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

We can't believe we are into our last term of primary!! We look forward to utilizing the warmer weather and to the many busy events that this term brings. Thank you to all our parents who were able to support us by attending our most recent parent pop in. We hope you enjoyed your visit and got a real feel for classroom life and learning in primary 1. This term we are looking forward to our PIB class assembly on **Friday the 30th of May 2025**, our class trip (more information to follow), and our school health week. Toward the end of this term, we will also start to discuss and prepare for transition into primary 2! Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office or by email if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Mina (Mondays/Tuesdays & alternate Fridays) & Mrs Walker (Wednesdays/Thursdays & alternate Fridays)

Literacy Learning:



- **Phonics** - We will continue to focus on double letter digraphs (sh, ch, ai etc) and our sight words (words that cannot be spelt phonetically).
- **Writing** - We will continue to use our knowledge of sounds and tricky words to build simple sentences based around our class topic "When I grow up." This term will be encouraging children to self-assess their work using pedagogic visuals (pictures) and traffic light colours (red, orange & green) to assess their use of pencil grip, capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, using their own ideas for writing, and listening for sounds to attempt to sound out words independently. We will also revise small letter formation rhymes and focus on forming capital letters this term. There will continue to be opportunities for writing through play in our role play areas and beyond.
- **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 will introduce this term visualising and verbalising where children are asked to describe a picture using 6 simple structure words (what, size, colour, background, shape and where).

Numeracy and Maths Learning:



Numeracy - The focus this term will be on sharing between groups/dividing, grouping/multiplication and fractions of an amount or shape (finding half). We will continue to develop mental strategies and number sense using 'Number Talks'.

- **Maths** - The focus for this term will be symmetry and exploring pictographs.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

After consultation with the children, our focus this term will be on "When we grow up". We will explore the wider world of work, linking to our skills builder skills, focussing on professions and roles of interest to the children. We would be happy for any parents/carers to arrange come in and talk about their careers, so if you would be interested then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Through consultation and classroom discussions we have discussed we have established some questions we'd like to explore through our IDL work:

How does a pilot fly a plane or helicopter? How does a taxi work? How do hairdressers style hair?
How do firefighters work? How do police work? How do security guards work? How do mayors get their job? How do dentists check teeth for cavities? How do janitors fix floods?

P.E and Outdoor Learning - Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the changeable Scottish weather, including sun hats, and that all **items are labelled**. Please ensure sunscreen is applied before coming to school. If you wish to supply sunscreen to be topped up during the day, please complete and return a sunscreen form which allows staff to assist in re-application where needed. Please label sunscreen bottles clearly with your child's name. Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term.

Homework - We will continue to send home reading books and post SEESAW tasks on a Tuesday.

Adults helping us: Miss Robertson will continue to teach P.E. on a Tuesday and Miss Clark will be teaching Music on a Thursday.



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>.