



Mid Calder Primary School – P2/1 Learning Letter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 2/1. We hope you had a brilliant summer and managed to relax before a jam-packed, exciting term. Our P2s have been excellent role models to our new P1s in the first few weeks, helping the class to establish good routines and fostering a positive and welcoming ethos. We have created our own "Superhero!" Class Charter and enjoyed learning our rights and responsibilities, as well as getting to know each other through fun games and activities. We look forward to a year full of fun learning opportunities.

Mr. Kerr and Miss. Peters



Maths & Numeracy

P1

We will be exploring number recognition, counting forward and backward, ordering numbers and learning about number bonds to 10 and beyond. We will also develop our number formation skills through regular activities and use songs and stories to help our counting skills development.

In Beyond Number we will look at measure and data handling through our IDL topic 'Minibeasts'.

P2

In P2 we will consolidate our number understanding to 20 and beyond while using concrete materials to support addition and subtraction problems. We will then identify, write, sequence and compare numbers.

We will use our IDL topic 'Minibeasts' to investigate measurement and data handling in more detail, looking at different charts and graphs.

Literacy

P1

Our P1s will begin by developing their **phonological awareness** by exploring things like rhyme, sound discrimination and syllables. We will also develop our letter and sound recognition, formation and blending skills to support our reading. Stories, songs and actions will be used to develop these.

Reading in Term 1 will be a range of fiction texts, through numerous picture books and stories.

Writing will be developed through black pen drawings and mark making, drawing from the learner's own experiences and imaginations.

P2

Phonics in Term 1 will include a revision of previous sounds and progressing on to more advanced blending to support their reading.

P2 pupils will develop their **Reading** skills using a wide range of decoding and comprehension strategies while working on fluency and expression.

Writing in Term 1 will focus on Narrative, and we will use Phonics International to support our **Spelling** skills.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)



'Minibeasts'



In consultation with the pupils and their interests, our first topic will be 'Minibeasts'. This topic will allow us to explore different areas of the curriculum, across both Early and First level to support both our P1s and P2s simultaneously. Areas of the curriculum we will explore include Science, Social Studies, Numeracy, Literacy, Technologies and Expressive Arts.

P.E.

P.E. days:

Mondays and **Thursdays**

Pupils can come to school in suitable P.E. clothing on those days.

Adults Helping in our Class

- Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Clark will be our Pupil Support Workers this year.
- Mrs. Redmond will be helping with Beyond Number and P.E. on Thursdays.

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>.

