

Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

August 2025

Welcome back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School. I hope you have enjoyed your summer. The children have settled in very well and we are looking forward to the term ahead. Hopefully, the information below in addition to our Meet the Teacher evening will keep you up to date with all that is happening in class. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Renshaw

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 focusing on key skills for comprehension. We will read texts from different genres to link with Writing lessons, starting with narrative texts.

Writing: Our term 1 focus for writing will be narrative texts. There will also be opportunities for creative, free writing.

Listening and Talking: We will develop this area of the curriculum through our Skills Builder programme in addition to daily group discussions within the classroom.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy: This term, we will begin by focusing on place value including reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers. We will use a variety of hands-on and visual resources to support this learning.

Maths: We will be taking part in a project called STEM SPACE. This will focus on improving spatial reasoning skills and will involve visualising and manipulating objects, shapes and spaces.

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.

Building our Class Community

We are currently focusing on building our class community through discussion, activities and social skills games. We are working hard to understand our school values: Successful, Optimistic, Adventurous and Respectful (SOAR) and our school rules: Ready, Respect and Safe.

We are enjoying building positive relationships and being reminded of routines and expectations for learning.

Additional Information

P.E. Days: P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesday. These lessons may take place indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. Children should wear appropriate clothing.

Homework: Homework will be issued following the September holiday weekend. More information to follow.

Other Adults helping in our class:

Mrs Redmond will be teaching RME, PE and French on Tuesday afternoons.

Miss Smith (PSW) will be supporting us in class Monday-Thursday.

Rights Respecting Schools

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>.

