



Mid Calder Primary School – P6/7 Class Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 6/7!

I hope you all had a restful summer. I am excited to welcome our P6/7 pupils back for a term full of engaging lessons and enjoyable activities. Over the past couple of weeks, the class and I have been building our classroom community and establishing routines, rules and expectations. I look forward to supporting your children and making this year both enjoyable and successful. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Miss Lawson



Literacy Learning:

- Spelling - Following Phonics International spelling, weekly spelling words will be provided, following a progression with differentiated activities.
- Writing and Grammar - We will continue to use the 'PM Writing' programme within both our writing and grammar lessons. Our next text focus will be 'Narrative'.
- Reading - In guided reading, we will focus on clarifying, summarising, predicting, and questioning, while developing comprehension and higher-order thinking skills.

Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- Numeracy - The focus this term will begin with place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).
- Maths - The focus for this term will be *xxxxx*.
- Number talks - We will continue to develop mental strategies through *Number Talks* and apply problem-solving to real-life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

During the first few weeks of this term, we will be studying the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar and exploring it through a variety of literacy, health and wellbeing, drama, and art activities.

We will then begin to explore 'Victorians'. We will use our consultative planners to develop key questions that will guide our learning throughout the term. We actively use the children's voices to find out what they want to learn and how they would like to explore the topic.

Digital Learning:

We regularly use digital technology in class, including Microsoft Teams and other online programmes. If you have any login issues, please get in touch and I'll do my best to help. Children may bring their own devices through the BYOD scheme but must follow the school's guidelines to use them safely and responsibly.

Leadership:

Primary 7 will have many opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork, beginning with buddying, leadership roles, and house/vice captains. These responsibilities will continue to prepare them for the move to high school.

Health and Wellbeing:

- We will be spending lots of time learning outside everyday so please ensure your child always has appropriate footwear and a jacket.
- P.E will take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. As a class we will participate in the Daily Mile on a Friday.
- We will continue to follow the RSHP programme in P6/7. <https://rshp.scot/>

Primary 6 will also develop leadership, collaboration, and responsibility through roles such as *Foodie Friends* in the dinner hall and *Wellbeing Warriors* in the playground, supporting our younger children.

P7 Important Dates - Term 1

- House Captain presentations (class): 17th September and P7 House Captain presentations (school): 18th September.
- Parents evening: 14th October 3:30pm - 8:00pm and 15th October 3:30pm - 5:00pm.
- Parent Pop In: 20th November (1:30pm)
- *Camp parent and pupil meeting: tbc*
- *Camp: tbc*

Homework:

Homework will be issued after September break and will be posted on our digital platforms. More information to follow.

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>.