



Mid Calder Primary School - P7 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 7!

After hopefully a relaxing summer holiday, I am looking forward to welcoming P7 back into the classroom. I am excited to start Term 1 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. I am looking forward to working with your children, meeting you soon and having a successful final year in primary school!

Miss Hawes



Leadership:

There will be many opportunities for leadership and collaboration in Primary 7. These will begin with buddying, leadership roles and house/vice captains. As the year continues these responsibilities will continue to help guide them as they begin their high school transitions.

Literacy Learning:

- Spelling - We will follow the Phonics International spelling progression using differentiated tasks each week.
- 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 - We will be using guided reading sessions to explore key reading skills with the aim to facilitate literacy circles. We will continue to develop our reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills.



Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- Numeracy - The focus this term will begin with Multiples, factors and primes, and then move onto patterns and relationships.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be angles, symmetry and transformation.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first few weeks of this term, we will be looking at the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will explore this novel through various literacy, health and well-being, drama, and art activities.

We will then move on to explore "Sub Sea / The Titanic". We will use our consultative planners to establish key questions to guide the learning throughout the term.

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.
- I will lead P.E on a Thursday and Friday. As a class we will participate in the Daily Mile on a Friday.
- We will continue to follow the RSHP programme in P7. <https://rshp.scot/>

Homework:

Homework will be issued after September break and will be posted on our digital platforms. The tasks will be based on a range of curricular areas. I appreciate all the support and time you give when your child completes their homework.

Digital Learning:

We are consistently using digital technology within the classroom and are regularly logging into 'Microsoft Teams' and other online programmes. If you wish to practice the skills your child has learnt in literacy and numeracy, then they can use their logins at home. If you have any issues with digital logins, please get in touch and I will do my best to sort them. The children can choose to bring in their own devices as part of the BYOD scheme and should ensure they follow the guidelines for using these devices safely and responsibly in school.

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: 25th November @ 6pm
- Camp: 15th - 17th April 2026

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>.

