



Mid Calder Primary School – P6/7 Class Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the second half of term 1 in Primary 6/7!

I hope you all had a relaxing October break. It has been lovely to welcome the class back and see them settle quickly into our established routines. This term, we will continue to build on the learning and positive classroom community developed in Term 1, with a range of engaging lessons, activities and experiences planned.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via 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 'procedure'.
- Reading - In guided reading, we will be exploring figurative language while continuing to develop our skimming and scanning techniques, as well as our key reading skills.

Numeracy and Maths Learning:

- Numeracy - The focus this term will be fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be shape.
- Number talks - We will continue to develop mental strategies through *Number Talks* and apply problem-solving to real-life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term, we will be learning all about the Victorians. Using our consultative planners, we will work with the class to develop key questions that will guide our learning. Children's voices will help shape what we explore and how we approach the topic. We will be using a loan box from the local museum to examine real Victorian artefacts, and we will also take part in a Victorian workshop to support hands-on learning.

We will explore the Victorians through a range of literacy, social studies, drama, art, and health and wellbeing activities.

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 continue to develop their leadership and teamwork skills. They have started the year demonstrating amazing leadership qualities and should be incredibly proud of themselves!

Primary 6 will continue to develop their leadership, collaboration, and responsibility skills. They have adapted to their new roles quickly and have already received fantastic compliments for their efforts!

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 Weekly Mile on a Friday.
- We will continue to follow the RSHP programme in P6/7. <https://rshp.scot/>

P6/7 Important Dates

- Parent Pop In: 20th November (1:30pm)
- Class trip: 17th November
- Camp parent and pupil meeting: 25th November 6pm (PRIMARY 7)
- Camp: 15th-17th April 2026 (PRIMARY 7)

Mr Taylor will be issuing more important dates for Term 2 and Term 3 in the next newsletter.

Homework:

Homework will be issued on a Tuesday and will be due the following Monday. This can be done via Teams or in a jotter.

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>.