



Mid Calder Primary School - P7 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the second half of Term 1 of Primary 7!

After hopefully a lovely October holiday, I am looking forward to welcoming P7 back into the classroom. I am excited to continue with our learning as we have many exciting lessons planned. We also have Miss Roberston with us for a few more weeks, her last day with us is the 25th of November. 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.

Thanks, Miss Hawes



Leadership:

There will be many continued opportunities for leadership and collaboration in Primary 7. P7 have taken on their roles with great confidence, I am very impressed! 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 'Procedure'.
- 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 be equations.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be shape.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

P7 have been enjoying their Titanic / Sub Sea topic, and we will continue this focus for a few more weeks. We will then discuss what our next topic will be, and we will use our consultative planners to establish key questions to guide the learning throughout the rest of 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 continue with the same format, and 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

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

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

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>.

