



Mid Calder Primary School - P4 Learning Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,



Welcome to Term 3 of Primary 4! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun filled Easter break, it was lovely to hear all about what the children and their families got up to. We have been very busy in the term since Christmas, with highlights being our class assembly where the children go the opportunity to showcase all their learning about the IDL - Scotland: Land, Legends and Landmarks, and our Technologies Parent Pop In where we presented all of our learning through our Forth Fourth Bridge Challenge. We have lots of fun things planned before the summer too! Remember to check our class Sway to see what we have been up to. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Miss Sherlow (Monday, Tuesday & alternate Fridays) & Mrs Walker (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays).

English & Literacy Learning:

- Spelling** - We are continuing to use our whole school programme of Phonics International to introduce a new sound each week and will be practising these in class through differentiated activities several times a week.
- Writing** - We will continue use PM writing, a whole school programme, to learn about this term's focus- explanation texts. Writing will provide opportunities for fun, hands on lessons where we can carry out a task, then create a explanation text, informing others how to do it too. The children will also have regular opportunities for free writing to encourage writing for enjoyment.
- Reading for writing** - we will be looking closely at the text and language features of example explanation texts.
- Reading** - This term we will be focusing on non-fiction texts. We will be developing our knowledge of fact and opinion, skimming and scanning and note taking skills to help create new texts. Our class novel will be The Bad Guys, and we will also be reading a variety of non-fiction texts as a class, discussing the key features.
- Listening and Talking** - The children will be working collaboratively in designated business roles as part of their Enterprise IDL. We will be exploring the importance of communication and teamwork when running a business.



Numeracy and Maths Learning:

Numeracy - The focus this term will be on problem solving and applying the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to real life learning contexts across the curriculum. We also be revisiting money through our Enterprise IDL context for learning by learning how to manage a budget, including looking at profit and loss.

- Maths** - The focus for this term will be time and the calendar, alongside angles (with Mrs Redmond).



Children will:

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) - Enterprise

- Explore local businesses and identify needs/wants of customer base (parents)
- Create a simple business plan including purpose, target audience, costs.
- Investigate ethical choices (sustainability, resources used).
- Compare prices of similar products and discuss value.
- Explore roles within a business and assign group roles - designer, accountant, marketing, salesperson

The children will create businesses in groups deciding on a product or a service to sell. We will hold a Parent Pop-in on Tuesday 2nd June where you can come and see their hard work and maybe even spend some money!

P.E days - Tuesday (Mrs Redmond) & Wednesday (Mrs Walker). Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear which is **labelled** with your child's name.

Homework - Homework will be issued on Tuesdays and will be due on the following Monday. We are regularly using digital technology to support homework. If you have any issue with digital logins, please get in touch and we will do our best to resolve them quickly.

Reminder - with the weather finally warming up, please remember to provide appropriate sun protection as we will hopefully be spending more time learning outside.

Dates for the Diary:

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2 June at 1.30-2.30pm for our parent pop-in. This will be a chance for our Enterprise IDL to you all. More details to follow. We are excited to share our learning with you. We are also excited for our upcoming trip to Stirling Castle on Wednesday 20th May.