

Mid Calder Primary School - P3a Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 in P3a - I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break making memories with family and friends! I am excited to work with P3 as we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term! Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns this term.

Miss Clark



Literacy learning:

Spelling: We will follow the Phonics International spelling programme using differentiated activities and new spelling patterns each week.

Writing and Grammar: We will use our PM Writing programme to explore description texts.

Reading: Our reading sessions will include looking at a variety of description texts to make links to our writing genre focus whilst developing reading skills, fluency and questioning in reading.



Numeracy and Maths learning:

Numeracy: This term the focus will be on place value.

Maths: This term the focus will be on data analysis.

We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and 'Thinking, Building Classrooms'.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL):

Using a child-led approach to our Rainforest IDL we may look at the following areas:

Layers and climate

Plants, trees and flowers

Animals and habitats

People of the rainforest

Rainforest music and art



HWB Learning:

RSHP: This term the focus will be on 'My Family'.

P.E: This term the focus will be on basketball and benchball.

PE days: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Homework:

Homework will begin the week of 24th August using the P3 Seesaw platform. A new homework pack will be sent home and instructions and tasks uploaded to Seesaw.

Digital learning:

We will continue to use digital technology to enhance our learning in P3. Some of our favourite digital learning tools are Seesaw, Sumdog, EPIC and Splashlearn.



Important dates:

- Homework packs sent home and tasks uploaded to Seesaw: Monday 24th August
- Parent's night: Tuesday 13th October 3.30-5.00pm and Wednesday 14th October 4.00-7.30pm
- Friday 27th November 9.45am-10.30am



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>.

