

Primary 4 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

August 2026

Welcome back to a new year at Mid Calder Primary School. I hope you have enjoyed your summer. The children have settled in very well and we are looking forward to the term ahead. Hopefully, the information below in addition to our Meet the Teacher evening will keep you up to date with all that is happening in class. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Renshaw

Literacy

Spelling: Each week, spelling patterns will be taught and practised via a variety of activities. Spelling words will be provided for homework to aid revision.

Reading: There will be group guided reading sessions within class focusing on key skills for comprehension. We will read texts from different genres to link with Writing lessons, starting with description texts.

Writing: Our term 1 focus for writing will be description texts. There will also be opportunities for creative, free writing.

Listening and Talking: We will develop this area of the curriculum through our Skills Builder programme in addition to daily group discussions within the classroom.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy: This term, we will begin by focusing on place value including reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers. We will use a variety of hands-on and visual resources to support this learning.

Maths: Miss Sherlow will be working with the class every Monday, focusing on our 'Beyond Number' curriculum.

Building Thinking Classrooms (BTC): Throughout the week, we will have opportunities for 15-minute BTC activities. During these times, the children work in randomised groups and work together to solve problems and share their own thinking.

Building our Class Community

We are currently focusing on building our class community through discussion, activities and social skills games. We are working hard to understand our school values: Successful, Optimistic, Adventurous and Respectful (SOAR) and our school rules: Ready, Respect and Safe.

We are enjoying building positive relationships and being reminded of routines and expectations for learning.

Additional Information

Homework: Homework will be issued every Monday via Microsoft Teams. Please see your child's homework pack for more information.

Other Adults helping in our class:

Miss Sherlow will be teaching Beyond Number and Expressive Arts every Monday morning.

P.E. Days: P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These lessons may take place indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. Children should wear appropriate clothing.

Important Dates

- Parent Consultation 1 – Tuesday 13th October/ Wednesday 14th October
- Parent Pop in 1 – Thursday 26th November (afternoon)

