



Mid Calder Primary School – P6/7 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary P6/7!

After hopefully a relaxing summer holiday, I am looking forward to welcoming P6/7 into the classroom. I am excited to start Term 1 as we have lots of lessons planned and many activities to look forward to. 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. I am looking forward to working with your children and having a successful year in the classroom! It's going to be a great year!

Miss Hawes



Leadership:

There will be many opportunities for leadership and collaboration in Primary 7. These will begin with buddying, leadership roles and house/vice captains. As the year continues these responsibilities will continue to help guide them as they begin their high school transitions. For Primary 6 these will begin with Foodie Friends, Library Lions and Wellbeing Warriors.



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 first text focus will be 'Description'.
- 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 begin with expressions and equations.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be Information Handling.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first few weeks of this term, we will be looking at the novel 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q. Rauf. We will explore this novel through various literacy, health and well-being, drama, and art activities.

We will then move on to explore "Titanic". We will use our consultative planners to establish key questions to guide the learning throughout the 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 Friday and Mrs Redmond will lead PE on a Tuesday. As a class we will participate in the Daily Mile on a Tuesday.
- We will continue to follow the RSHP programme in P6/7. All of these lessons will be split into P6 or P7 lessons. <https://rshp.scot/>

Homework:

Homework will be issued from August 24th and will be posted on our digital platforms. 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.



P6/7 Term 1 and Term 2 Important Dates:

- Meet The Teacher: 26th of August - 6:00pm - 6:30pm and 6:30pm - 7:00pm
- P7 House Captain presentations (class): 17th of September and P7 House Captain presentations (school): 18th of September (P7s only)
- Parents evening: 13th of October - 3:30pm - 5:00pm and 14th of October - 4pm - 7pm
- P6/7 Assembly: 6th of November @ 9:45am
- Camp parent and pupil meeting: 18th of November 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:00pm (P7s only)
- Parent Pop In: 26th of November @ 1:30pm

Term 3 and 4

Other dates for the academic year will be issued when confirmed.

- Parents evening: 9th of March and 10th of March
- Camp: 21st - 23rd of April 2027 (P7s only)

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>.

