



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and had the chance to relax before we begin a brand new year here at Mid Calder. I have really enjoyed getting to know your children these first few weeks and am excited to begin our learning journey. In this learning letter you will see some of the planned learning for this term. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Mr. Kerr



Maths & Numeracy

This term we will begin by revisiting our multiplication and division skills. This will also be linked with decimal place value work and decimal calculations. We shall also be adopting a 'Building Thinking Classrooms' approach to our numeracy, which has an emphasis on problem solving, collaboration and active thinking. More information can be found at:

<https://www.buildingthinkingclassrooms.com>

In Beyond Number we will begin by investigating different ways of collecting and presenting data.

Literacy

Reading: We will continue to develop our reading confidence and comprehension by exploring a range of texts. We will identify key information and use supporting evidence to make inferences and explain our ideas.

Writing: We will begin by looking at Description texts in our writing, focusing on expanding our vocabulary to create engaging texts. We will also look at a range of different genres and create texts for different purposes and audiences.

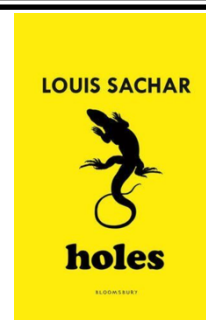
Listening and Talking: We will build on our confidence in sharing and developing ideas through whole class and small group discussions.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Class Novel Study: 'Holes'

At the beginning of this term we will use our class novel, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, to explore a range of different areas of the curriculum.

- Social Studies - landscapes, climate and human impact on the environment
- Science - habitats, the water cycle
- Health and Wellbeing - friendships, peer pressure, resilience
- Expressive Arts - landscapes, perspective and drama



After completing our novel study, we will then progress to our new learning topic: The Titanic!

HWB

P.E. days this term will be on a **Thursday** with myself, and **Friday** with Mrs. Redmond.

RSHP: We will also use the following programme: <https://rshp.scot/second-level/>

Important Dates

- Homework commences week beginning Monday 24th August
- Parent's night: Tuesday 13th October 15.30-17.00, Wednesday 14th 16.00-19.30
- Parent Pop In: 14.00 - 15.05

