

Mid Calder Primary School



Primary 3a and 3b

Meet the Teacher: Miss Clark and Mrs McAffer

Wednesday 26th August 2026

2 sessions: 6-6:30pm, 6:30-7pm





Structure of the School Day

Monday to Thursday

- 8.00 Breakfast Club (Optional)
- 8.30 Playground supervision
- 8.45 School Day starts
- 10.15 - 10:30 Break
- 12.10 - 12:50 Lunch
- 15.05 End of School Day

Friday

As above but...

- 12:25 End of School Day

Weekly Timetable

P3a Term 1						
	8:45-10:15 (1 hr 30 mins)		10:30-12:10 (1 hr 40 mins)		12:50-3:05 (2 hrs 15 mins)	
MONDAY	Literacy Reading Skills and Questioning (Based on group novels) 9.00 -10.15		Numeracy 10.30-11.50	Number Talks/TB Classroom 11.50- 12.10	IDL 12.50-2.15 Rainforest with Exp Arts focus	Skills Builder 2.15-2.35 Class Novel 2.35- 2.55
TUESDAY	Maths 9.00-10.15 (Mrs Redmond)		PE 10.30-11.30 (Mrs Redmond)	IDL 11.30-12.10 Rainforest with Exp Arts focus	Literacy Spelling (New pattern fortnightly) Reading comprehension (Based on group novels) 1.20-2.55	
WEDNESDAY	Literacy Reading and grammar for writing (Based on writing genre texts) 9.00-10.15		Numeracy 10.30-11.50	Number Talks/TB Classroom 11.50- 12.10	IDL 12.50-2.10 Rainforest with Exp Arts focus	PE 2.10-3.00
THURSDAY	Literacy Writing (Based on writing genre) 9.00-10.15		Numeracy 10.30-11.50	Number Talks/TB Classroom 11.50- 12.10	Science 12.50-1.50	Listening & Talking NEWS 1.50-2.35 Class Novel 2.35- 2.55
FRIDAY	HWB RSHP 9.00-9.45	Assemblies SIP-ORT Groups House Meetings 9.45-10.30	Free Write Friday and L&T 10.50-11.30	11.30-12.00 Club 31	Class Novel End of Week Check In 12.00- 12.55	



School Uniform

- Grey trousers/skirt/ shorts and white shirt/blouse and red & grey striped school tie (grey/red cardigan optional)
- Grey trousers/skirt / shorts and red school polo shirt with school badge and grey school sweatshirt with school badge
- Grey school cardigan
- **Summer:** Red and white gingham dress with red or grey cardigan
- **P.E. Kit:** As we promote physical activity and outdoor learning, we recommend pupils wearing school logo joggers and jumpers on active days. Please also provide wellies, jackets, sunscreens etc where appropriate –we aim to be outside in all weathers so please ensure your child is equipped for the day and changing elements!

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

***Nearly New/Used Uniform Available from School Uniform 'Swap Shop'**

Any clothing donations welcome.

Lunchtime Reminder

- School lunches are ordered daily through iPay impact – All P1-5 children are entitled to free school lunch
- You can look at the lunches at home with your child and pre order your child's lunch.



Any problems with accessing iPay please call our School office

Website:

<https://midcalderprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>



School/Class Newsletter:

Seesaw:





Important Documents

- Please return EE2 forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Please let the office know of any changes to photo permissions from last year. We cannot share any photos on the school website, newsletter or on Seesaw until these are returned.
- Please ensure that all medical forms are filled in fully and handed back promptly with any appropriate medication.
- We cannot issue medication to children unless the relevant form is completed and boxed/prescription information is shared.
- Please update the school office if there are any changes to address, phone number, medication etc. during the year.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

- Across our school we use consultative planning methods which means that our “topic” based learning comes from our pupils.
- The focus and content of this learning is determined by questions, investigations and interests from our children – they help to design what they would like to learn.
- The teacher then crafts and builds activities to support and develop this learning, alongside curriculum experiences, outcomes and planned assessments using our national Curriculum For Excellence benchmarks.
- This term, our learning context will begin with
 - *“Rainforests”*.



Literacy – Writing and Grammar

How often will writing sessions take place?

Three times a week plus Free Writing.

What will writing sessions look like?

- Exploring the text structure of the genre.
- Exploring the grammar of the genre (e.g. adjectives and verbs)
- Free writing to build writing stamina and explore personal interest.

How will we work?

Guided teaching, whole class,
group and independent working.



Literacy – Reading and Spelling

How often will reading sessions take place?

Three times a week.

What will reading and spelling sessions look like?

- Developing reading skills, fluency and comprehension.
- Reading genres linked to our writing 'Reading for writing'.
- Spelling patterns using 'Phonics International'
- Opportunities for free reading.

How will we work?

Guided teaching, whole class,
group and independent working.



Literacy – Listening and Speaking

Daily opportunities for talking and listening with a partner, in a small group or to the whole class.

Skills Builder sessions exploring these skills.

There will also be opportunities across the year to take part in a more formal situation by presenting to the class.





Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy: Place value

Maths: Data analysis P3a, Symmetry P3b

Mental maths: Number talks and 'Building thinking classrooms'

How often will numeracy and maths sessions take place?

Four days a week.

What will numeracy and maths sessions look like?

- Using concrete, pictorial and abstract
- Digital games and tasks
- Group and partner games
- Oral tasks such as skip counting, whiteboard tasks and jotter tasks

How will we work?

Guided teaching, whole class,
group and independent working.



Our Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus – Children's Rights
- SOAR Values
- Positive relationships – Ready, Respect, Safe
- Daily HWB check-ins (zones of regulation)
- Class Charter
- One Trusted Adult
- WL HWB Trackers
- RSHP education

<https://rshp.scot/>



PE

P3a Tuesday with Mrs Redmond (Basketball)

P3a Wednesday with Miss Clark (Benchball)

P3b Monday with Mrs McAffer (Basketball)

P3b Thursday with Mrs McAffer (Basketball)

Your child should wear their PE to school on these days that would be suitable for indoor or outdoor environments.



Homework –

- Spelling task
- Maths or numeracy task
- Reading book pages
- Occasional topic tasks
- Uploaded on Seesaw
- Jotters and log ins will be provided
- Homework will start Monday 24th August



Skills

Introduce skills builder – common language, consistency and progression across the school.



Skills Builder
Gold Award
2025 - 28



Digital Learning

Digital devices for independent, partner and small group tasks are based in the classroom, and are available at all times to support learning.

Class sets are also available for planned whole class activities.

We also use programmable devices such as Bee Bots

Please inform school office if you need help accessing digital devices from home.

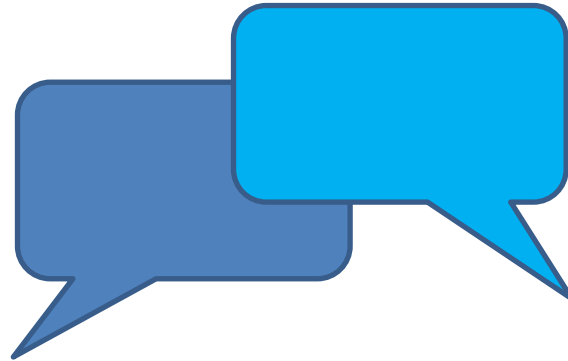
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Pupil Voice

- Consultative planners for topics
- Seesaw to upload and share work and achievements
- Committee groups
- House Meetings





Important Dates

- Parent consultation 1 and 2:
Tuesday 13th October 3.30-5.00pm
Wednesday 14th October 4.00-7.30pm
- Parent consultation 3 and 4:
Tuesday 9th March 3.30-5.00pm
Wednesday 10th March 4.00-7.30pm
- Parent pop in 1:
Thursday 26th November 1.30pm-3.00pm
- P3a class assembly:
Friday 27th November 9.45am-10.30am
- P3b class assembly:
Friday 5th February 9.45-10.30am



Thank you!

If you wish to attend a further workshop with another teacher, then please head back to the hall where our P7 helpers will escort you to the correct class.