

Mid Calder Primary School



Primary 4 Meet the Teacher

Mr Renshaw

Wednesday 26th August 2026

2 sessions: 6:00-6:30pm & 6:30-7:00pm





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 Interval
- 12.10 – 12:50 Lunch
- 15.05 End of School Day

Friday

As above but...

- 12:25 End of School Day

Weekly Timetable – Example for Term 1

	8:45-9:00	9:00-10:15		10:15-10:30	10:30-12:10			12:10-12:50	12:50-3:05	
Monday	Register iPay Soft Start	9:00-9:15 Health & Wellbeing check in Miss Sherlow	9:15 – 10:15 Beyond Number Miss Sherlow	Break	10:30 – 10:45 Story	10:45 – 11:30 Expressive Arts Miss Sherlow	11:30 – 12:10 Guided reading	Lunch	12:50 – 1:45 Spelling	1:45 – 3:05 Topic
Tuesday	Register iPay Soft Start	9:00 – 9:45 Handwriting	9:45 – 10:15 Guided reading	Break	10:30 – 10:45 Story	10:45 – 12:10 Numeracy & Maths		Lunch	12:50 – 2:00 Science	2:00 – 3:05 PE (indoors)
Wednesday	Register iPay Soft Start	9:00 – 9:45 Reading for Writing	9:45 – 10:15 Guided reading	Break	10:30 – 10:45 Story	10:45 – 12:10 Numeracy & Maths		Lunch	12:50 – 1:30 French	1:30 – 3:05 Topic
Thursday	Register iPay Soft Start	9:00 – 10:15 Writing		Break	10:30 – 10:45 Story	10:45 – 12:10 Numeracy & Maths		Lunch	12:50 – 2:00 Health & Wellbeing	2:00 – 3:05 PE (outdoors)
Friday	Register iPay Soft Start	9:00 – 9:45 Skills Builder	9:45 – 10:30 Assembly/Sip-ort Teams/House Meetings	Break	10:30 – 10:45 Story	10:45 – 11:50 Digital Profiling	11:50 – 12:25 Free Time Friday			



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.
- Please help us work towards being a nut-free school.



Any problems with accessing iPay, please call our School office.

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



**Look out for our monthly school newsletter email
for more updates and dates for your diary.
Our class learning journey highlights will be shared
via this email.**



Important Documents

- Please return EE2 forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.
- Photo permissions will carry on from 2025/26 so please inform the school office if you would like to make any changes.
- Please ensure that any 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.
- Medication held in school should be reviewed periodically to ensure it is still needed. Please speak to Mr Renshaw if you would like us to continue holding on to medication.



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.





Literacy – Reading

- We will be focusing on key reading skills and developing confidence, fluency and understanding.
- Some activities will focus on different text genres and these will link closely to learning in Writing lessons.
- There will be frequent opportunities for reading for enjoyment from our school/class library and online resources.
- Each child will have a group reading book and homework will be set each week. This may be specific pages or tasks.



Literacy – Writing

- We are using the PM Writing scheme to focus on key writing genres and related skills.
- Our core writing genres this year will be:
 - Description
 - Recount
 - Report
 - Discussion
- We will develop handwriting skills using the Letter-join Handwriting Programme.



Literacy – Listening and Talking

- Opportunities to develop Listening and Talking skills will be embedded across many different curricular areas.
- These skills will be enhanced by our Skills Builder programme.



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Literacy – Listening and Talking

Opportunities for Listening and Talking:

- Guided reading sessions
- Number Talks
- Group tasks/partner work
- Check in/news time
- Prepared class talks
- Whole school assemblies





Literacy – Spelling

- We will continue to follow the ‘Phonics International’ spelling programme.
- Children will focus on a new spelling pattern each week and there will be activities to develop these skills in class alongside weekly homework.



Numeracy and Maths

- A balance of Numeracy and 'Beyond Number' concepts (e.g. shape, time etc.) will be taught.
- Mental maths strategies will be developed using the 'Number Talks' approach.
- There will be many opportunities to take part in problem solving activities.
- We will continue to use a range of resources and programmes to support learning in Numeracy and Maths.





Our Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus – Children’s Rights
- SOAR Values (Successful, Optimistic, Adventurous, Respectful)
- Positive relationships – Ready, Respect, Safe
- Daily check-ins
- Class Charter
- One Trusted Adult





Health and Wellbeing

- Throughout the year, different aspects of Health and Wellbeing will be taught using the RSHP resource (<https://rshp.scot/>) and the Emotion Works programme.
- Term 1 topic:
 - Safe & Happy Online
- PE – Tuesday (indoors) & Thursday (outdoors)

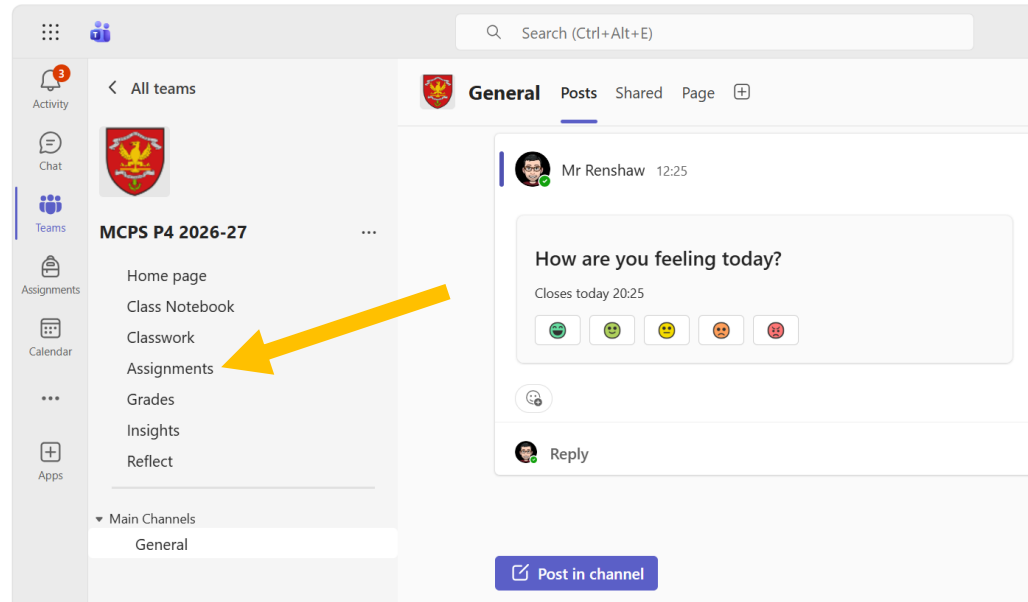


Homework

- Homework will be posted online each Monday using Microsoft Teams.
- Homework will consist of Numeracy/Maths and Spelling activities alongside occasional IDL activities. Reading books will be sent home each week with set pages to read.

Homework

- A jotter will be provided for homework. Please take a photo of any work and post to Assignments. Do not send jotters into school.



Digital Learning

- We will use digital technologies to enhance learning across the curriculum.
- Children use a range of devices and digital platforms, for example:
 - Sumdog
 - Top marks
 - EPIC reading
 - Procreate
 - Kahoot
 - Padlet
 - Netbooks
 - iPads
 - Spheros
 - Green screen
 - Stick bots
 - Blooket



Skills

- We use the Skills Builder programme in school to provide a common language for skills and skills progression across the school.

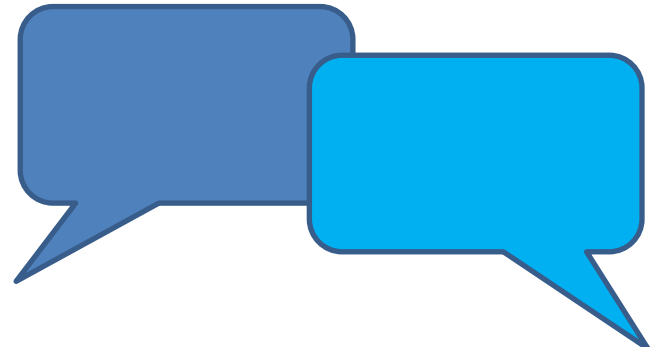


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Pupil Voice

- Pupil voice is an important part of the UNCRC rights of a child.
- We run pupil groups for P1 – P7, for example, Eco group, Pupil Parliament etc. This year these will be our SIP*ORT Teams aligned with our School Improvement Priorities.





Upcoming important dates

- Parent Consultation 1 – Tuesday 13th October/ Wednesday 14th October
- Parent Consultation 2 – Tuesday 9th March/ Wednesday 10th March
- Parent Pop in 1 – Thursday 26th November (afternoon)



Any Questions?

Thank you for attending this session. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. If you would like to be in touch about your child, please make an appointment with the school office.