

Mid Calder Primary School



P5 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 26th August





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 Morning Break
- 12.10 – 12.50 Lunch
- 15.05 End of School Day

Friday:

- 12.25 End of School Day



P5 – 2026/27

- Mrs Murray – class teacher
- Mrs Redmond – P.E/ Maths - Beyond Number
- Mrs Grainger – Support for Learning

Weekly Timetable

P5 Timetable - Term 1 (Mrs Murray)

	8.45 - 9.00	9.00 - 10.15am	10.30 - 12.10pm		12.50 - 3.05pm	
Monday	Quick Start - Mindful Mon	LITERACY Reading/ Spelling 9am - 10.15am	Number Talks 10.45 - 11am	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 11.00 - 12.10pm	HWB PE 1.10 - 2pm	Science 2.15pm - 3pm
Tuesday	Quick Start - Times Tables Tues	LITERACY Reading/ Spelling 9am - 10.15am	Number Talks 10.45 - 11am	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 11.00 - 12.10pm	IDL (inc. exp arts) 1.00 - 3pm	
Wednesday	Quick Start - Mrs Redmond	MRS REDMOND MATHS 9.00 - 10.15am	MRS REDMOND P.E 10.30 - 11.30am	Languages 11.30 - 12.10pm	LITERACY Reading for Writing 1pm - 2.15pm	SKILLS BUILDER/ RME 2.15 - 3pm
Thursday	Quick Start - Think about it Thurs	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 9.00 - 10.15am	LITERACY Writing 10.45 - 12.10pm		IDL (inc. exp arts) 1.00 - 3pm	
Friday	Quick Start - Flashback Friday	FEEDBACK FRIDAY Feedback/Profiling 8.45 - 9.45am	(HOUSE) ASSEMBLY/ COMMITTEE GROUPS 9.45 - 10.30AM	HWB RSH 11 - 11.45am	FUN FRIDAY (CLUB 31) 11.45 - 12.15pm	

School Uniform

- Children will be outside for play time 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 at home through iPay impact – All P1-5 children are entitled to free school lunches.

Any problems with accessing iPay please call our School office.





Important Documents

- EE2s have been sent by group call this week. Please return these as soon as possible.
- If there are any changes to photo permissions, please let us know.
- Please ensure that all medical forms are up to date and any medication is handed in to school.
- 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 healthcare changes during the year.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

- Consultative planning - “topic” based learning comes from our pupils – they help to design what they would like to learn.
- We then create activities to support and develop this learning, alongside our national Curriculum For Excellence benchmarks.
- This term, our learning context will begin with a novel study – ‘The Boy at the Back of the Class’ by Onjali Q Rauf
- Natural Disasters





Literacy – Reading

Guided reading sessions will focus on 4 main reading skills:

- Predicting
- Summarising
- Questioning
- Clarifying

Reading for Writing – texts linked to writing focus. Identify structure and features in preparation for extended writing lessons

Literacy – Writing

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- PM Writing:
 - Using our school writing resources, PM writing, we will focus on the following:
 - Aug - Oct – Description
 - Oct – Dec – Recount
 - Jan – March – Report
 - April – June - Discussion
 - We will look at the purpose, structure and features of this type of writing.



Literacy – Spelling

- We will continue to follow ‘Phonics International’ spelling and phonics programme.
- Children will learn a new spelling sound every week, with activities in class, alongside homework.
- This should be transferred in to their writing tasks.



Literacy – Listening and Talking

- P5 will be offered daily opportunities to become **confident individuals**, expressing their opinions and sharing learning and experiences.
- Children will be encouraged to build confidence when talking to others, focussing on, pace, tone, gesture, eye contact, volume, expression and emphasis.
- Children should also show respect for the views of others by responding appropriately in discussions.

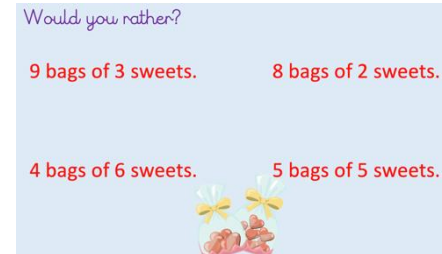
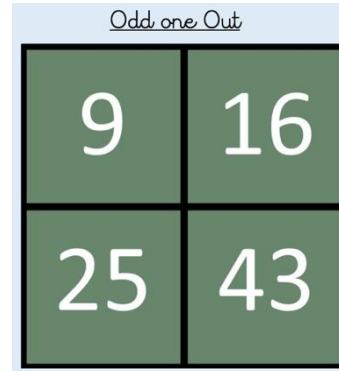
Opportunities for Listening and Talking:

- Class and group discussions
- Learning discussions
- Number Talks
- Check in/news time
- Prepared class talks
- Whole school assemblies
- Play based learning
- Focussed Skills Builder sessions



Numeracy and Maths

- Numeracy – the focus this term will be **Multiplication and Division** and **Fractions**
- Maths – the focus for this term will be **Data Handling**
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using Number Talks and explore problem solving through real life contexts.



Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus – Children's Rights
 - SOAR Values
 - Successful, Optimistic, Adventurous & Respectful
 - Positive relationships – Ready, Respect, Safe
 - Daily HWB check-ins
 - Class Charter
 - One Trusted Adult
 - WL HWB Trackers
 - RSHP
 - Residential
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- **P.E – Monday and Wednesday**



Skills



Skills Builder
Gold Award
2025 - 28

In Mid Calder we use the Skills Builder Programme.

The programme allows us to support every child build essential skills that will not only help them thrive in school but also in their wider lives.

We are currently the only school in Scotland that has Gold award accreditation.



Homework

- Homework tasks will be handed out on a Tuesday and should be handed back in to school on a Monday.
- Homework will consist of a spelling activity and a maths task. Sometimes there will be a task from another curricular area.
- Children will have a jotter, but can also access homework on Teams and can upload homework in to an online folder.

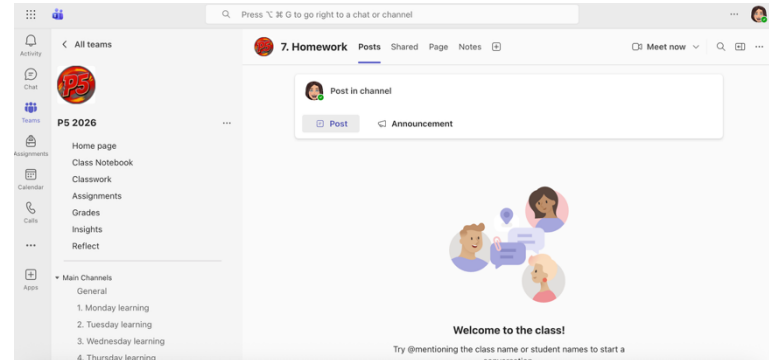
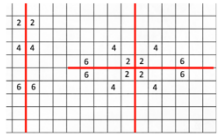
P4/5 Homework

To be returned: Monday 10th November

Reading
Please read your new book at home. You will find the pages to read in your reading record. Please let me know if you haven't managed to complete this and you can take time in a quiet hour to catch up.

Priority task - Assembly Practice
Our reindeer class assembly is on Friday 16th November. It is important that we are all confident with our words and the songs we are singing. Please prioritise practising your words and songs at home for the next 2 weeks.
You all have a copy of your words and the songs on Teams in the Assembly channel. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing your Team at home.

Optional task - Numeracy and Maths
Symmetry
We have been learning about symmetry in class. In your jotter draw a symmetrical picture. This can use shape, colour, line. Or you can practise one of your times tables using either one or two lines of symmetry, see below:



Digital Learning

- Continued use of digital technologies to enhance and engage learning across the curriculum.
- Children use a range of devices and digital platforms:
 - Sumdog
 - Hit the Button
 - Top marks
 - First News
 - EPIC reading
 - Procreate
 - Minecraft
 - Netbooks
 - iPads
 - Spheros
 - Green screen
 - Stick bots
 - Beebots/botleys
 - BYOD – P5

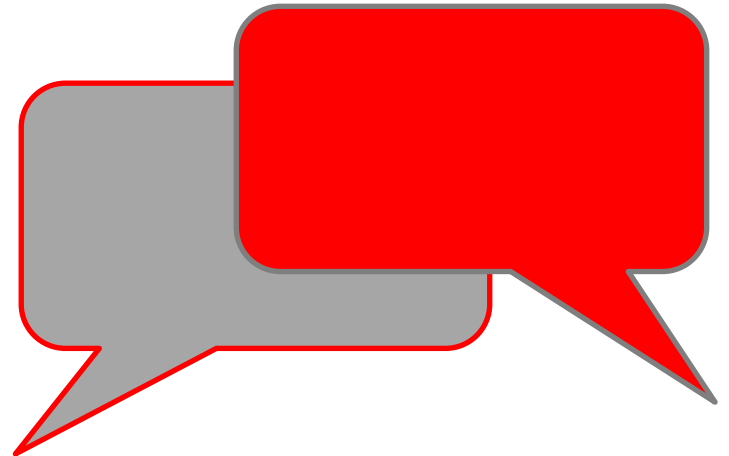




Pupil Voice

Children are at the heart of all our planning and it is important to us that their voice is heard.

- Consultative planners – IDL
- Class Charter
- Set up of SIP-ORT groups
- House Meetings





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)
- P5 Class Assembly – Friday 13th November – 9.45am
- P5 Residential – Wednesday 17th March – Friday 19th March

Website:

<https://midcalderprimary.co.uk>



- **School Newsletter**
- **P5 Teams page**
- **Class Learning Letters**
- **Sway**



Thank you for coming to support your child and Mid
Calder Primary.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any
questions or queries throughout the year.

