Mid Calder Primary School – P6/7 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer, Welcome to Term 2 of Primary 6/7!

I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing October holiday and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term! I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back into the classroom and building on all the fantastic learning and progress made during Term 1. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with lots of engaging lessons, new learning opportunities and fun activities, particularly as we approach the festive season! Thank you once again for your continued support. It is very much appreciated. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the school office if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to another happy, successful and enjoyable term with P6/7!

Kind regards,
Mrs Bell

Leadership:

There will be lots opportunities for leadership and collaboration in Primary 7. These will continue 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 continue with Foodie Friends, Library Lions, Wellbeing Warriors and Six News!

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 next text focus will be 'Recount'.
- 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 Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
- Maths – The focus for this term will be Measure.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term, we will be exploring 'AI and Data Literacy'. Pupils will learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI), how it works and how it is used in everyday life. We will explore this topic through various literacy, technologies, numeracy, health and wellbeing, and creative activities. We will use our consultative planners to establish key questions to guide our learning throughout the term, while developing digital skills, creativity and critical thinking. We are excited to share our learning at our Parent Pop In.

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 continue in the same format 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 2 Important Dates:

- 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
- Titanic Exhibition: 10th of December

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: 28th – 30th 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.