

# Primary 3 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2017

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 3. All of the children have settled well into P3 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term 2. The highlights of last term included our Dinosaur IDL context, a trip to the National Museum of Scotland, a visit from Mr T.Rex and sharing our learning with P1 and P7 through our Mid Calder Museum. All pupils have also now joined a Junior Leadership Team and look forward to making positive changes within our school this year.

Miss Sherlow

## English & Literacy

Through the IDL context of Mid Calder, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including description of a scene, questionnaire, invitation, poetry and advertisement posters.

This term, we will continue to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as building on our handwriting and spelling abilities. The children will use up-levering techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Our reading in term 2 will focus on determining the author's purpose. To support with this at home, please encourage your child to discuss the main purpose of a range of different texts e.g. is it written to entertain, to persuade or to inform.



## Maths & Numeracy

This term, our maths work will focus on Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning (SEAL) strategies and we will explore aspects of learning across number. Through our IDL context, we will also explore money.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number bonds practice, counting up different monetary amounts and coin and note recognition. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts. This can be found at: [www.sumdog.co.uk](http://www.sumdog.co.uk) Purple Mash also has a wide variety of maths games along with a variety of activities to support reading, spelling and writing. Each child has their Purple Mash password in their homework jotters. The site can be accessed at:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/midcalder-EH53>



## Interdisciplinary Learning: Mid Calder

This term our context for learning is Mid Calder. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of social studies, maths and technologies. The key questions we will look at are:

1. What are goods and services?
2. What goods and services do we have in Mid Calder?
3. How do businesses and customers handle money?
4. How can we set up our own business?
5. How do businesses encourage customers to buy their goods/services?

## Additional Information

Enjoyaball for P3 will be on Mondays and we will have class PE on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into school on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers). P3 will also be taking part in the Roots of Empathy programme in our Health and Wellbeing lessons this term.

## Open Afternoon

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, we will be holding an open afternoon to invite our parents and carers in to school to see what we have been learning. The focus of this will be on our Mid Calder IDL context for learning. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Homework

Spelling and maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Reading will be given on a Monday and Wednesday and will be noted in your child's reading record. Homework should be completed in your child's homework jotter with an emphasis on neat presentation and accuracy.