

# Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2017

Welcome to term 2 in Primary 5. All of the children have settled well into P5 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term. There is lots to look forward to, including our new IDL context: Mid Calder Memories. Also, all pupils are part of a Junior Leadership Team and have started making positive changes within our school. Please keep track of all that we are learning this term via the school blog.

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P5 Teachers

## English & Literacy

This term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children will be continuing to use up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment. We also now have SUMDOG spelling which helps to support the children.

Through the IDL context of Mid Calder Memories, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including questionnaire, advertising pitch and diary entry. Our reading in term 2 will continue to focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills and reading comprehension. We will be particularly focusing on selecting texts based on enjoyment and interest whilst explaining our preferences. The First Minister's Reading Challenge is a good way to promote independent reading for pleasure at home.

## Maths & Numeracy

This term, P5 will be learning about a range of addition and subtraction strategies, both mental and written. We will also be focusing on multiplication and division, in particular strengthening knowledge of times tables. Children have been learning active games to support this in the classroom which can also be practised at home. Children will also engage in Number Talks sessions where we look at finding efficient strategies for mental calculations

You can support your child's maths development by engaging them in regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts and links to maths in real life contexts such as using and counting money and giving change. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts.

## Interdisciplinary Learning: Mid Calder Memories

This term our context for learning is Mid Calder Memories. We will be exploring this through the curricular areas of Social Studies, Technologies and Maths. The key questions we will look at are:

1. How has the village changed in 40 years?
2. How does the village meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century people?
3. How is a shop designed?
4. Why was Mid Calder Primary school built?
5. What aspects of the school have changed in 40 years?

## Additional Information

P.E. will be twice weekly. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

## Dates to Remember

22<sup>nd</sup> November – IDL open afternoon.

10<sup>th</sup> November – P5c assembly

## Homework

Spelling, Maths and Reading homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Periodically, IDL tasks will be given which will give the children opportunities to use research skills.