

Primary 3 Learning Letter: Term 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2019

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 3. We are looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included our IDL context based on the novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. We loved using the Book Creator app to make our own eBooks all about dragons. P3 have also enjoyed getting to know Baby Ada during our Roots of Empathy sessions, while learning about stages of development and emotions. We have now begun our new IDL context for learning, *Extraordinary Humans*, and have been enjoying learning about, and meeting, people who have overcome different barriers and challenges in their lives.

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English & Literacy

Through the IDL context of *Extraordinary Humans*, our writing will focus on a variety of genres, including job applications, biographies and autobiographies. We will continue to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as building on our handwriting and spelling abilities.

Our reading in term 3 will focus on developing our skimming and scanning skills while reading for information using digital tools, as well as notetaking skills. We will be learning how to select and organise relevant facts and information about different extraordinary humans.

We offer regular opportunities for reading a range of texts for enjoyment at Mid Calder, and we would appreciate if you could continue to encourage a love for reading at home as well.



Maths & Numeracy

This term, our numeracy work will focus on fractions and multiplication and division. We will also continue to develop our mental agility through Number Talks, mental maths games and verbal recall. In our wider maths this term, the focus will be on shape, position and movement and time.

You can support your child's maths development at home by number bond revision and links to maths in real life contexts. Please encourage your child to find examples of fractions in everyday life e.g. half a pizza for dinner, half price sales, 15 minutes being a quarter of an hour etc.

Sumdog challenges for maths and reading are set up regularly and are linked to the contexts that the children are learning about in class.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Extraordinary Humans

This term our context for learning is *Extraordinary Humans*. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Social Studies. The key questions we will look at are:

1. What are the different ways in which people can face obstacles in their lives?
2. How do/have they overcome these obstacles to become successful?
3. What obstacles have I/people I know overcome that have allowed me/them to become successful?
4. How can I share my/someone I know's experiences of overcoming obstacles to become successful in a clear and interesting way?

Additional Information

PE for Primary 3 will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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).

Primary 3 Assembly

Primary 3 will be sharing their learning about their IDL context, *Extraordinary Humans*, at their assembly on Friday 15th February at 11.15am. We look forward to seeing our parents/carers, family members and friends there.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given every second Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. On alternate weeks, maths homework will be given, with spelling words being provided for extra practice if you wish. Reading will be given on a Monday and Wednesday and will be noted in your child's reading record.