



Mid Calder Primary School – P4 Class Newsletter

Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 2 of Primary 4!

After hopefully a relaxing break I am looking forward to welcoming P4 back into our virtual classroom. I hope you managed to enjoy some festive celebrations with your families despite the circumstances. I am excited to start Term 2 as we have lots of lessons planned and many activities to look forward to. Thanks again for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns. I am looking forward to this term and continuing to work with you children this year.

Miss Hawes

Literacy Online Learning:

We will continue to use the same timetable at school and have one spelling, two writing, one grammar and one reading lesson(s) each week.

- Spelling - We will continue to use the 'Jolly Phonics' programme to learn and revise our spelling patters 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 'exposition'.
- Reading – The focus this term will be inference and comprehension.
- Talking and Listening - We are always developing our talking and listening skills, but our main focus this term will be within Scots language.

The inputs for literacy lessons will be on the power point slides in the format of an audio clip, video link or a QR code. You are welcome to log onto Sumdog or Education City and use these literacy resources as well.

Numeracy and Maths Online Learning:

We will continue to use the same timetable at school and have three numeracy, one maths and one problem solving lesson(s) each week.

- Numeracy – The focus before half term will be addition and afterwards will be subtraction. This will be taught using the 'Heinemann Active Maths' programme and a range of digital resources.
- Maths – The focus before half term will be routes and journeys and after will be data.
- Problem Solving – The focus of our problem solving lesson will change weekly in order for your child to develop a range of skills.

The inputs for numeracy lessons will be on the power point slides in the format of an audio clip, video link or a QR code. You are welcome to log onto Sumdog or Education City and use these literacy resources as well.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) and Health and Wellbeing:

Interdisciplinary Learning:

Our next context for learning within the middle area will be 'Scottish Inventors', we will start this topic virtually and be focussing on social studies, literacy, art and technology.

Health and Wellbeing:

We have health and wellbeing slots and daily check ins throughout the week which we will continue on our class calls. Alongside the 'Emotion Works' programme we are using many strategies within the classroom to make sure that everyone feels as safe as possible which will continue online.

Online Safety and Expectations for using Teams:

During online learning it my priority that all of P4 feel safe and are able to get the most of out their remote learning. Please only share what you feel comfortable sharing. The assignments are set up so that learning activities can be shared privately if you wish. Remember to use correct punctuation and spelling when commenting and make sure they are appropriate for a school forum. Make sure to reply to the comment threads and not start a new conversation. You are welcome to support your child on Teams but please let them be as independent as possible when navigating the site. We don't expect you to complete every task, but we do encourage you to try your best. Make sure that that you are following our P4 Online Charter and are using the platform appropriately. Again, if you have any questions about work, online safety or expectations please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office email. Thanks again for all of your support.