



## Mid Calder Primary School – P4 Class Newsletter

### Welcome:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Term 3 of Primary 4!

After hopefully a relaxing break I am looking forward to welcoming P4 back into the classroom. I hope you managed to enjoy some celebrations with your families despite the circumstances. I am excited to start Term 3 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 Learning:

We will continue with our literacy timetable and have one spelling, two writing, one grammar and two reading lesson(s) each week.

- Spelling - We will continue to use the 'Jolly Phonics' programme to learn and revise our spelling patterns 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 'narrative texts'.
- 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 our Lego Therapy sessions.

### Numeracy and Maths Online Learning:

We will continue with our numeracy timetable and have three numeracy, one maths and one problem solving lesson(s) each week.

- Numeracy – The focus the first half of term will be multiplication and afterwards will be division. This will be taught using the 'Heinemann Active Maths' programme and a range of digital resources.
- Maths – The focus for the first half of term will be chance and uncertainty and afterwards will be time.
- Problem Solving – The focus of our problem solving lesson will change weekly in order for your child to develop a range of skills.

### Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) and Health and Wellbeing:

#### Interdisciplinary Learning:

Our next context for learning within the middle area will be 'Animation', we will be exploring this topic through digital devices and focussing on science, literacy and art.

#### 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.

### PE / Outdoor Learning:

Similarly to Terms 1 and 2, we will be spending lots of time learning outside everyday so please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a jacket at all times.

Mr Renshaw will be leading outdoor learning on a Thursday afternoon; we will have the same P.E slots as Term 1 and 2 on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and will continue to participate in the Daily Mile on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This means that your children should be prepared for outdoor lessons on these days.

### 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 you can use their logins for Sumdog and Education City. I encourage the use of these outside of school as well as they are great for independent learning. If you have any issues with digital logins please get in touch and I will do my best to sort them.

### Homework:

After the success of online learning and teams work during lockdown, I will issue homework on this platform. The tasks will range from core curricular areas to health and wellbeing and IDL tasks. I appreciate all the support and time you give when your child completes their homework.