

Primary 2/1 Learning Letter Term 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to P2/1! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer together with some rest and relaxation. It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming the P1's into the classroom and the P2's back to Mid Calder Primary School. I have spent the last three weeks getting to know your children, encouraging team-building skills and establishing routines within the classroom. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and engaging in a busy first term ahead. Miss Horgan.

Literacy:




In class this term, we will focus on learning our new sounds in phonics tasks through songs, games and activities. We will practice spelling on a weekly basis supported by our new knowledge of sounds. In all our writing tasks we will consider the correct use of capital letters, finger spaces, full stops as well as ensuring we practice correct letter formation, and letter size. We will share our ideas and opinions with partners, small groups and with a larger audience to develop our skills in listening and talking.

Numeracy and Maths:



- **Number**-We will continue to use SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) strategies to develop number sense, place value, addition and subtraction. Our P2 learners will also begin using early multiplication and division skills, building upon our number skills from P1.
- In our beyond number work, we will focus on shape work and using data in different real life contexts.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) and Health and Wellbeing:

Interdisciplinary learning: Through consultation with the children and following current play interests in the classroom, our first context of learning in P2/1 will be on the topic of Dinosaurs.  We will be learning about dinosaurs through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Science, Technology, Expressive arts and Literacy. We plan to explore questions such as-

1. What is a herbivore/carnivore?
2. How did the different dinosaurs eat their food?
3. What was their habitat like?
4. What is archaeology?

Health and Wellbeing: Alongside the "Emotion Works" programme we are using many strategies within the classroom to make sure that everyone feels as safe as possible. The children's emotional wellbeing will be one of my main focuses throughout the year.

PE: We will have PE on a Monday. We will have lots of outdoor learning this term, with both myself and Miss Brolls, so please ensure that the children pack appropriate clothing. (Sunscreen, overalls, wellies and waterproof coat.) We cannot plan for the weather, so please ensure your child is ready for these outdoor experiences in all inclement weather possibilities.

Other Information:



Homework: We are hoping to introduce homework activities in due course, further information on what this will look like will be provided. I will also issue a family fun homework grid each month to promote optional educational activities.

Our afternoon sessions are long due to our school day, therefore we offer our pupils the chance to have an additional afternoon snack – if this is something you would like to provide your child, then please include in their school bag, alongside an additional water bottle (water fountains are currently closed for Covid mitigations.)