

# Mid Calder Primary School – P7 Class Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and made some fantastic memories with family and friends! I am so excited to be working with Primary 7 in their final year and I look forward to lots of fun and busy times ahead. We have an exciting start to Term 1 with our P7 House Captain Election and buddying roles with our new P1's.

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. Here's to a great year!

Miss Clark

## Literacy

### Spelling:

We will follow a spelling progression using differentiated activities with new spelling words issued each week including tasks for homework.

### Writing and Grammar:

Using the 'PM Writing' scheme, we will focus on grammar and writing skills linked to narrative texts.

### Reading

We will be using guided reading sessions to explore key reading skills with the aim to facilitate literacy circles later in the term. We will also continue to develop our reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills.

## Numeracy and Maths

### Numeracy:

Number and place value  
Rounding

### Maths:

Measurement

We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real-life contexts.

## Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

In the first few weeks of this term we will be looking at the novel *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. We will explore this novel through various literacy, numeracy, health and well-being, drama and art activities.

We will then move on to explore *The Jacobites*. Using our consultative planners, we will establish key questions with the children ensuring a child-led approach to our learning. This may include areas such as Jacobite clans, key events during the time period and the impact on past and present Scottish history.

## PE

### P.E. days:

Monday (Miss Clark), Wednesday (Miss Sherlow)

### Clothing:

Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing on P.E days for indoors/outdoors.

## Digital Learning

We are regularly using digital technology within the classroom and logging into 'Microsoft Teams' and other online programmes. If you have any issues with digital logins, please get in touch and I will do my best to sort them. The children can choose to bring their own device as part of the BYOD scheme and should ensure they follow the guidelines for using these devices safely and responsibly in school.

## Other Information

### Homework

Homework will not be issued until after the September break and will be posted on Teams every Monday. 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.

### Modern Languages

Primary 7 have begun weekly Modern Languages lessons with West Calder High School as part of their transition to high school. Further information about transition events will be issued in due course.