

**French**

French learning this term with Mrs Blair will include describing ourselves and our likes and dislikes, the French alphabet, pets and food.

**Numeracy**

Every day we will have a 15-minute number talks lesson which is a strategy to build flexibility, accuracy and efficiency in mathematical thinking through the discussion and sharing of mental math strategies. It is a short daily routine that allows pupils to contribute to meaningful dialogue concentrating on how to answer Numeracy problems.

**Mathematics**

During this term, we will be developing our knowledge of negative numbers, division, fractions and decimals. We will be consolidating our knowledge of the four operations throughout this term along with aspects of measurement. Within our maths lessons, we will be investigating their links to real life contexts which will help to deepen our understanding. We will use concrete, pictorial and abstract materials to aid our understanding of complex ideas.



**Writing**

In the upcoming term, we will be working on developing our creative writing with Miss Lucas. In our writing lessons we will be investigating the various elements required for narrative texts and look at the structure of these. We continue to reflect on our targets throughout our literacy lessons. This term we will also be working on further self/peer assessment strategies during and after our writing lessons in order to assess our strengths and next steps.

**Reading**

In reading we continue to work with our new PM reading scheme which is building our comprehension skills. We will also be building our reciprocal reading skills through lessons on the four main strategies of prediction, questioning, clarifying and summarising each week. One novel will go home on a Monday and this should be read 2/3 times over the week ready to complete a written task in class. A personal book of choice will also go home each week, to read for pleasure. Our class novel this term is “Hag storm” by Victoria Williamson.

**Spelling and Handwriting**

During our morning soft start we will continue to work on spelling rules and strategies. Handwriting skills will also be practised once a week during soft start time.

Term 2 Term Descriptor – P5-7 Miss Dunsmore, Miss Lucas and Mrs Blair

**Music**

The children continue to work really hard with Mrs Keenan on a Wednesday learning to play an ocarina and to play tunes reading oc box notation. On tuned percussion children will learn about chromatic notes and their use. Children will also explore the off-beat rhythm syncopation.





**Dates for your diary**

**Monday and Thursday afternoon – P.E. A reminder to wear indoor shoes in class and P.E.**

European day of languages - Thursday 2nd February

School Camp- Wed 8th Feb–Fri 10 February

Holiday week – Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February

Inset day – Monday 20th February

All return - Tue 21st February

AAL starts Monday 20th February- More info to come out on this

West Calder Library visit – Wednesday 1st March, 11-12 noon

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

SSPCA visit in class – Tuesday 7th March

Red nose day fun – Friday 17th March

West Calder HS Food Tech visit – Wednesday 22nd March

STEM Curriculum Café – Friday morning, 24th March

Parent Consultations - Monday 27th March

Glasgow: Riverside Museum IDL trip – Tuesday 28th March

End of term two- Friday 31st March

**Easter holiday starts- Monday 3rd April (2weeks)**

**Welcome!**

We would like to welcome Miss Lucas to our school who is working with us every Thursday and Mr Finch who is with us until Easter and is a student teacher from Edinburgh University.



**Health and Wellbeing**

During HWB this term, the children will be looking at friendships, boundaries and how to manage behaviours and online safety. The children will continue to use the eight wellbeing indicators to help us think about our rights and assess our own wellbeing.

**P.E**

This term we will be focussing on athletics and games in our P.E. slots on Monday and Thursday afternoon. We will be learning skills such as cooperation and team work, moving safely, learning rules, and increasing our agility and fitness.

**Homework**

Children will bring a reading book home every Monday. This should be kept in children’s school bags as we will have reading follow up tasks during the week. Please read with your child 2-3 times over the week and also enjoy other books with your child, encouraging them to read every evening for10-20 minutes.

**IDL – Our Term Topic**

**STEM**

This term we will be focussing on STEM with Mr Finch and Miss Lucas which is an umbrella term used to group together the distinct but related technical disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Forest schools with Mrs Hider is having a break for the winter due to the weather conditions, and will be back in the Spring term. **After School Clubs**

Thank you for your engagement with last term’s after school clubs. This term, we are hosting Monday fitness, Tuesday football, Wednesday STEM and Thursday multisport all from 3.05 – 4pm. Please let a member of staff know if your child would like to attend any of the clubs.

