

*Keeping You Posted*

***Primary 1a***

*Camstradden Primary School*

*Glasgow*

***TERM 2***



Communication with our families and wider school community is very important to us. We want to keep in touch with you in order to keep you updated about your child/children’s progress. As such it is vitally important we have the most up to date contact details for you. Glasgow City Council are now using the Groupcall Xpressions app as a main method of communication with families. This is a free app for the school and for families. Further information about Groupcall Xpressions is attached to this newsletter.

***We still have a very large number of families who have not have not signed up for the Groupcall Xpressions app. As this is our main method of communication with families and as such it is vital that you download the app. We also have over 50 families who are still not provided the school with an email address.***

***Please contact the school to provide us with an email address if you have not already done so and download the Groupcall Xpressions app.***

**Primary 1a**

I hope you all had a wonderful October Break and are looking forward to the festivities taking place this Autumn/Winter. This term, the children will be learning about different methods of transport as our topic.

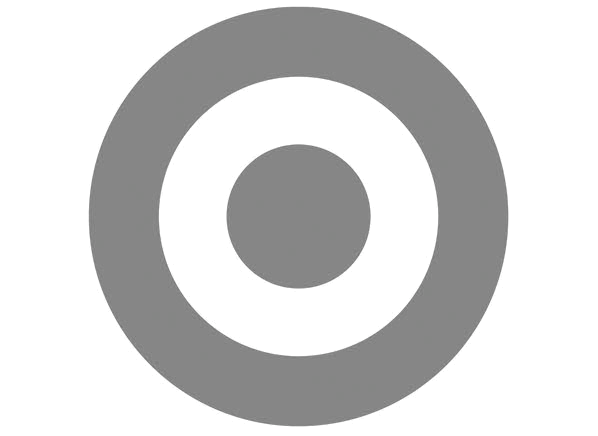
*Class information* –

Physical Education will continue to take place on a **Wednesday afternoon** and **Friday** **afternoon.** Please provide your child with **indoor shoes** if they do not already have them.

Homeworkwill be given online this term. Children will be given a sumdog task, reading book via Reading Planet and spelling task every week.

Please join our **SeeSaw app** as there will be regular updates and photographs based on what we are learning in class.   
Miss Macpherson

***Other Information***



We will continue to focus on developing tools for writing, working on pencil control and letter formation. Children will continue to write words and sentences.

**Listening & Talking:** The children will continue to work on their listening and talking skills, focusing on listening to instructions, speaking clearly and taking turns. We will build the children’s vocabulary through our stories and play activities.

**Writing:** Primary 1 will begin to apply their knowledge of letters and sounds to write simple words. We will continue with our Foundations of Writing programme, supporting the children to draw detailed pictures and write a simple sentence.

***Writing Focus:***

***Numeracy & Mathematics***

**Reading:**

Primary 1 will continue to enjoy stories through our ‘Book of the week’. These stories are read 3 times, allowing the children to develop skills in predicting, sequencing and summarising. The children will continue to learn sounds and will blend sounds together to read short words.

**Shape, Position & Movement:**

Through our play-based learning, particularly in our construction and modelling areas, we will continue to develop our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to develop our positional language and will explore length of objects.

**Number, Money & Measure:**

This term we will consolidate our knowledge of numbers to twenty, including ordering and sequencing numbers backwards (counting from 20 down to 0). We will begin work on adding and subtracting (using numbers up to 10).

***Literacy***

**Information Handling:**

We will be learning to make simple pictorial graphs to record information.

***Health and Wellbeing***

***Social Studies/Sciences/Technologies***

This term we will be learning about science, technology and social studies through our topic, Transport. We will explore different methods of transport and learn about road safety. We will design and create our own boats using a variety of materials and test them to discover if they float or sink.

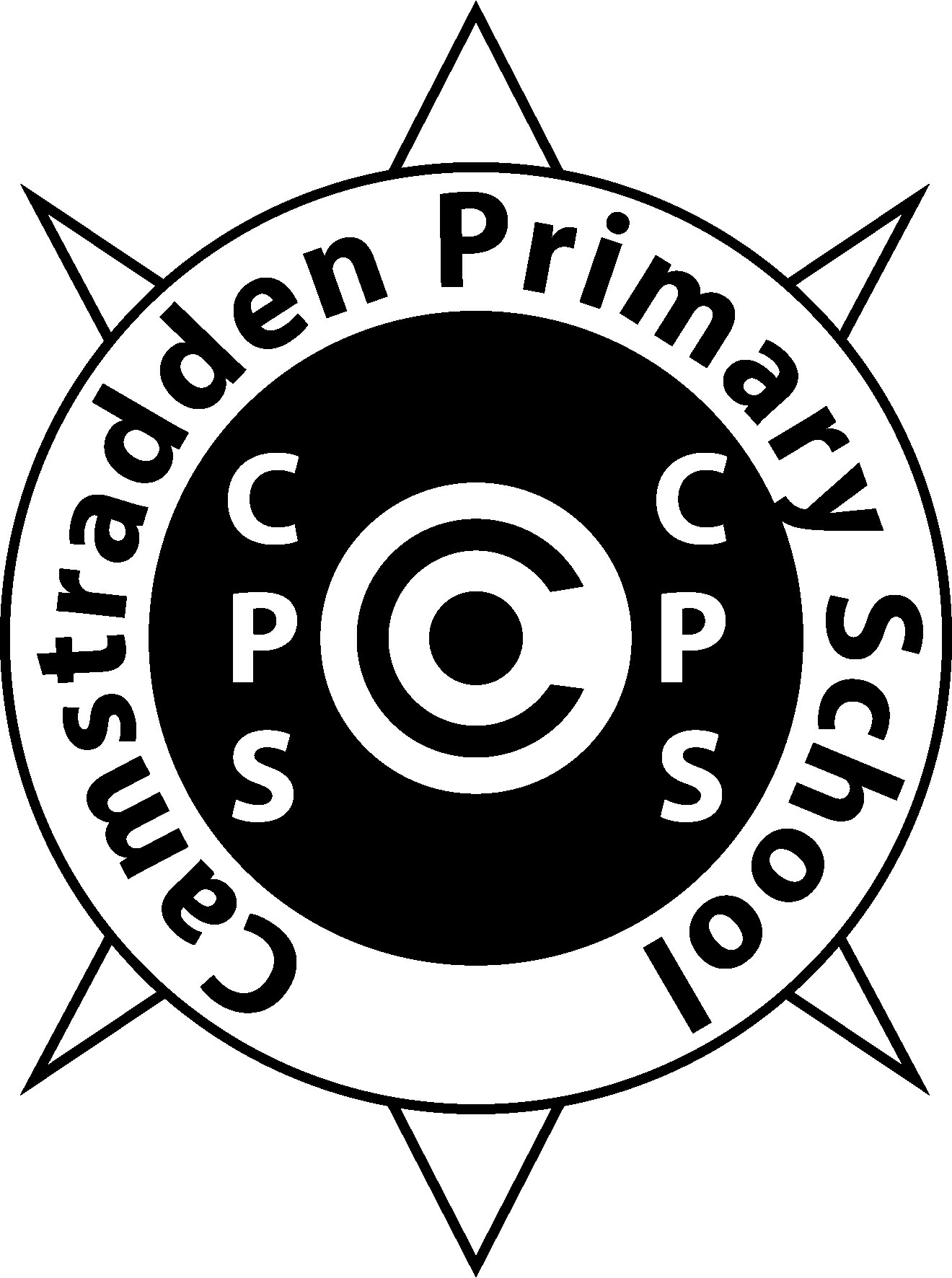
In P.E. we will be focusing on ball skills, gymnastics and social dancing in term 2. The children will be introduced to some more of the gymnastics equipment and will increase control of their bodies and movements. We will also be encouraging the children to challenge themselves to keep fit and healthy during outdoor play.

***Expressive Arts***

***Religious and Moral Education***

This term we will be learning about the Christian festival, Christmas. We will learn about the Christmas story through performing our nativity play and will think about ways that Christians celebrate Christmas.

We will focus on developing the children’s skills in drawing this term. The children will learn to draw different lines and shapes and will be encouraged to talk about their drawings and what they show. During play, they will have opportunities to express their ideas using a variety of materials. This term our focus in drama will be our Christmas nativity play.



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