

*Keeping You Posted*

***Primary 5***

*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 5**

Welcome back! The children have managed to settle back into their school routine nicely after their short break and are working hard. We have lots to look forward to this term, including a potential class trip.

We continue to have PE on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons so children will need to bring a change of clothes on both of these days and should remove all jewellery before coming to school if possible. Homework will continue to be allocated through, Reading Planet, Sumdog and SeeSaw. As before, if you have any questions please message me through SeeSaw. I look forward to chatting with you all at our first parents’ night.

Mr Henderson



Reading:

We are focusing on the following reading strategies in Term 2: predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising. We will continue to use Reading Planet as our reading scheme. Children will work in their reading groups on before, during and after reading skills. We are now reading “The Firework Maker’s Daughter” as our class novel.

This term we will be continuing to revise and extend our knowledge of using the 4 operations, with a particular focus on multiplication and division strategies. Additionally, we will be engaging in more consistent times table practise. The new concepts being introduced this term will focus around the use of fractions, decimals and money.

***Numeracy & Mathematics***

**FICTION –** **Setting**

**NON-FICTION – Recount**

Writing:

Children will continue to be given regular writing opportunities to apply their writing skills. Our main writing focus this term will be on setting and recount writing. Additionally, there will be spelling practise every day through a variety of strategies.

***Writing Focus:***

***Literacy***

Listening & Talking:

Children will be encouraged to engage in listening and talking activities regularly. Our main focus this term will be on asking and answering questions during group work.

***Health and Wellbeing***

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

Our social studies topic this term is the Energy and Sustainability. We will be learning about transport methods and their effect on the globe, what sustainability means to us, and all about renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

The Health and Wellbeing focus for October/November is HEALTHY and will be followed by ACHIEVING in December. For P.E. in Term 2 the children will be focussing on gymnastics with Mrs Nolan on Mondays and hockey with Mr Henderson on Thursdays.

***Expressive Arts***

***Religious and Moral Education***

In Expressive Arts we will be working with instruments and voice in relation to our energy topic, using percussion to create natural disaster sound effects. For Dance, we will be engaging in social dance within our P.E. sessions towards the run up to Christmas, wherein the children will learn the Virginia Reel and Dashing White Sergeant.

This term, our theme in RME will Christian stories and Saints. This will include teaching and learning around The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son and The Rich Fool.



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