

*Keeping You Posted*

***Primary 7/6***

*Camstradden Primary School*

*Glasgow*

***TERM 1***



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 7/6**

Welcome back! The children have been working hard and we are excited for all that’s in store during this busy term leading up to the Christmas period.

Our P.E. days this term are Wednesday and Thursday. Children should bring trainers and appropriate clothing to change into. Please remind your child to remove any jewellery before coming to school on these days.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned/submitted via Seesaw by the Friday.

***Other Information***

***Writing Focus:***

***Numeracy & Mathematics***

**Setting (Fiction) and Recount (Non-fiction)**

This term we are continuing to develop our knowledge and understanding of place value. Our key focus will be developing our mental addition and subtraction strategies and learning to apply these to solve a variety of multi-step word problems. We will also be learning about how to manage money, compare costs and begin to understand the importance budgeting.

We have recently been supplied with iPads which the children will be able to use in class to engage in a variety of online maths activities including Sum dog. Children have been given login details and some homework tasks will be set using Sum dog. Children are encouraged to practise learning their times tables at home as our focus for next term will be using our recall of the times tables to solve multiplication problems.

Writing:

This term we will be focusing on setting and recount writing. Children will have daily opportunities to apply their writing skills across different aspects of the curriculum. Children will practise their spelling daily and should regularly complete active spelling tasks from their homework grid.

Listening & Talking:

Our focus this term will be contributing to group discussions. We will practise sharing our ideas and opinions and listening respectfully to others. The children will apply these skills through participating in a class debate related to our social studies topic.

Reading:

This term we will be focusing on the following reading strategies: identifying the main idea of a text, skimming and scanning to find key information, sequencing information and using inference to from conclusions based on what we have read.

***Literacy***

***Health and Wellbeing***

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

Our social studies topic this term is the Scottish Parliament. We will be developing our understanding of how a democracy works. The children will participate in a class election and a debate on a chosen social, political or economic topic.

In Science we will be learning about the structure and function of our senses.

Our Health and Wellbeing focus for October/November is Healthy. In December, our focus will be Achieving. This term we will begin to engage in the PATHS programmes which involves lessons centred on understanding and managing our emotions.

Our P.E. focus for this term is Hockey and Gymnastics.

***Expressive Arts***

***Religious and Moral Education***

This term we will be learning about Christianity. Through a variety of learning activities we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of Christian worship and festivals.

This term in art, we will be learning to develop a painting from a detailed drawing. We will learn to mix and match colours and will be able to identify primary, secondary, complementary and contrasting colours.



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