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Term 4 2022-23



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Keeping You Posted

Primary 4

Welcome to the last term of Primary 4! We have another busy term ahead. Gym days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday; children should bring gym kit, including indoor shoes, and remove any jewellery before coming to school if possible. Homework goes out on Mondays, to be completed for Fridays; this is posted on the children's Seesaw. This term we are also taking part in a 'We Love To Read' challenge—look out for details on Seesaw.

Miss Gordon



Reminder



Home Learning & Digital Approaches

You will have received a copy of your child's log in details to the three platforms above. Teachers will use these to share information with parents about their children's learning and to set some homework activities in reading and numeracy. Please save these websites or download from your app store on electronic devices at home to further support your child's learning. Please contact the school if you require any assistance to access

Parent Pay & Parent Portal

Your child has been issued with log in details for both platforms. Please ask Mrs MacAulay at the school office for another copy if you do not have these!



ParentPay



parentsportal.scot

Parent Pay is the online payment solution used in all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. ParentPay is used to pay for all school trips, meals, concert tickets, uniforms, etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. In addition, you can now pre-order your child's lunches.

Parents Portal will provide access to information about school, allow you to complete the annual data check, update your child's details, view the school calendar and complete electronic permission slips and forms. This will reduce the need printing of letters and use of the costly texting system. We will be phasing out the use of texts and letters, so please sign up to this as soon as possible.

Health and Wellbeing

Our focus for Term 4 is: May—Responsible and June—Included. We will continue to work on PATHS. This term we will be completing the RSHP lessons which in P4 are: Safe And Happy Online and How Human Life Begins, Pregnancy And Birth. Mrs Gillies will continue to take the class for PE on Tuesdays and on Wednesdays the class have Determined To Dance.

Expressive Arts

We are focusing on music from around the world this term and will be investigating different musical styles. In art we will be learning about Henri Matisse and producing art work in his style. The children will be given opportunities to apply learning done earlier this year on colour mixing, patterns and use of mixed media. We will continue with hot-seating activities in drama.

Religious & Moral Education

Our themes for Term 4 are values and stories from different world religions. The children will also be using maps and atlases to look at countries of the world where different religions are practised.

Social Studies/Sciences/Technologies

This term our topic is Food and Farming where the children will investigate where our food comes from, as well as learning about different types of farms. In science the children will be learning about properties and uses of substances, looking at solids, liquids and gases and in particular the properties of water. In technologies we are focusing on using the internet to research and determining fact and opinion on websites.

Numeracy & Mathematics

We will be focusing on multiplication and division this term and I have set the children a challenge to learn as many times tables as possible before the end of P4! Sumdog homework will focus on times tables for the next few weeks. We will also be doing work on weight and Mrs Gillies will continue to focus on problem solving activities on Wednesdays, giving the children opportunities to apply previous learning. We will also be introducing equations and some simple algebra.

Literacy

Reading: We will be consolidating all reading strategies we have learned throughout the year. We will also be doing digital literacy tasks, focusing on a range of strategies.

Writing: Our focus this term will be:

- FICTION – Character and Setting
- NON-FICTION – Report and Persuasive

Children also have weekly opportunities for cross-curricular and pupil choice activities. This allows them to apply skills they have learned previously.

Listening & Talking: We watch Newsround regularly which allows children to discuss topical events. Our topic will give the children opportunities for paired and group discussion. We will be exploring persuasive language during our writing sessions.

Attendance & Latecoming

Overall attendance and late coming statistics at Camstradden Primary are not where we would like them to be. Every child has a right to an education and it is the expectation that every child will attend school each day on time. Being late for school impacts on many things including pupils' attainment as well as their social and emotional development.

We have identified poor attendance as being our biggest barrier to learning. Almost all class teachers have shared that if the children who are regularly absent from school were in school on time each day, their attainment would improve significantly. As such a relentless focus for us this term will be on improving attendance and reducing late coming. This focus is supported by the HMI Inspectors who visited us in December which will be highlighted in their upcoming report. We have provided further information within this month's newsletter in relation to late coming and attendance.

Each month we will share with families the average late coming and attendance rates for each class on our website. We hope that this, alongside our Improving Attendance Action Plan, will help to improve attendance at Camstradden Primary and significantly reduce late coming.

Reporting Absence

How to report your child absent from school:

You should call the Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) Team on: 0141 287 0039 to report your child absent from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.

Please do not use Seesaw to report your child's absence as this may not be seen by school staff and is not GCC protocol for reporting absence.

Office Opening Times

Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 3.15pm

Closed from 12.15pm until 1pm for lunch

Friday 8.30am to 3.15pm

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Contact Us On—0141 944 2971

April 2023



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Average attendance **78.46%**

Lowest three pupil
attendance rates

17.14%

35.71%

39.64%

Highest three pupil
attendance rates

100%

100%

99.29%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing