**ST MARK’S PS**

**TERM 1**

**PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

NUMERACY

In numeracy the children will be learning about **place value, estimation and** **rounding**. We will also be looking at different mental maths strategies that can be used to solve different problems. In maths the children will learn about **money** and **time** with Mr Kilpatrick.

LITERACY

In reading we will be learning about the **SHORS** reading strategies to help us to respond to texts in different ways. We will be taking on the **First Minister’s Reading Challenge** where we will be setting ourselves different reading goals to work towards. In writing the children will be working on tools for writing where we will look at different aspects of **VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation)**. We will be working our way through the spelling planner within our spelling groups practising a range of **sounds and patterns** as well as common and **tricky words.**

CLASS INFORMATION

We have **PE time Tuesdays and** **Wednesdays**. Every day we try to have at least 15 minutes of physical activity to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Please ensure your child comes to school with **a filled water bottle so** that they can stay hydrated throughout the school day. On PE days it would be great if your child could come to school **with trainers on or a change of shoes** in their bag. Also people who wear jewellery to school, if this could remain at home on PE days where possible that would help a great deal with changing time.

This year as a school we are making **reading** our **focus for homework**. Children will receive reading homework to support their learning of reading at school. At points in the year some topic homework challenges may be issued too.

WELCOME TO TERM 1!

Welcome everyone to Primary 4/5! It’s great to be back at school after a busy summer. I hope you all had a great time with your families and are ready for our first busy term of learning. You can find updates of our class and school on X (formerly Twitter) **@StMarksIrvine.**

I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year. If there is anything you need please don’t hesitate to contact me.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

This is an important year in many of the children’s faith journeys as they will be making the sacrament of **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**. We will be learning more Spanish vocabulary linking to routines in the classroom for example the date and the weather which we will practise every morning.

This term’s class topic will be **‘Global Goals’**. The children will be learning about each of the goals and will discuss how we can help towards achieving the goals.

H Singleton (Class Teacher)