**ST MARK’S PS**

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**PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

CLASS INFORMATION

* Mrs Atkinson will be in class supporting us on a Monday - Thursday and Mrs Lambert will be in class supporting us on a Friday. Throughout the week and we will have access to the infant playroom for play based activities.
* **Our PE days are on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** so please ensure your child is wearing comfortable shoes/bottoms on these days.
* It would be preferable if water bottles could have a sports cap as it saves a lot of spills.
* No jewellery to be worn during PE times.
* Our whole school homework focus will be reading. We will be reading most days in class so please keep your child’s reading book in their bag at all times.
* Please label your child’s school clothing especially jumpers and ties. It saves a lot of confusion.
* Mrs Gallagher will teach on a Tuesday morning during my non-class contact time.

Hello and welcome back everyone!

I am delighted to be back at school and I look forward to getting to know all the children in Primary 3. We are already developing good class routines. Children can be picked up from 2.50pm each day where I will be available to have a chat if you have any questions.

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LITERACY

This term our reading focus will be using the ORT reading scheme. The children will have access to a class library and we will be having lots of shared reading experiences. We will be working on identifying the main idea of a text and using supporting evidence to back up our thinking. We will have a shared reading time with Primary 6/7 once a week which I’m sure all children will enjoy.

Our main focus of writing will be on sentence writing with correct punctuation, spelling common words correctly. We will be using information gathered through reading and topic time to create a fact file.

In listening and talking, we will participate in Circle Time activities in order to develop our core skills in this area.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

In Health and Wellbeing we will be learning about emotional health. We are looking at emotions and how to deal with them. We will also discuss friendship, what makes a good friend and the importance of resilience. In PE will be taking part in fitness and ball skills.

In Spanish we will be learning days of the week and numbers. Our topic for this term is dinosaurs which lends itself to lots of fun art activities and science based learning. We will also be using the play room to supplement our learning.

Primary 3 will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Mary’s during the month of November. The date has still to be confirmed. You will be lettered nearer the time and as part of this a Parent booklet will be issued to children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is to be completed and kept at home.

NUMERACY

In numeracy we will be working on developing our mental maths strategies with our daily mental maths tasks and challenges. This term will focus initially on revision then onto place value and rounding numbers.

In class maths, we will be learning about the properties of 2D/3D shape, pattern and calendars.

Here is to a successful first term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Marie Bruce