**ST MARK’S PS**

**TERM 1**

**P5 PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

**WELCOME TO TERM 1!**

I hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to our first term in Primary 5. We are developing positive relationships, good routines and getting to know each other. Please take a look at some of the exciting things we have planned for this term.

**LITERACY**

This term our reading focus will be developing our reading comprehension skills using SHORS strategies. We will be learning about these strategies through a range of reading opportunities. Our main focus of writing will be grammar and VCOP skills to develop the quality of our writing. We will also work on our handwriting and presentation of work. In listening and talking, we will participate in Circle Time activities and develop our listening and talking skills through specific attention and listening activities.

**CLASS INFORMATION**

**Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday.** Comfortable clothing is advised on these days e.g. joggers/trainers with a school jumper. Please ensure your child is not wearing jewellery on these days. We encourage children to bring fresh bottled water to keep them hydrated over the course of the school day. Mrs McInnes will be in class supporting us at times throughout the week.

Our whole school homework focus this year is reading.

**NUMERACY**

In numeracy, we will be working on developing our mental maths strategies with our weekly mental maths tasks and challenges. We will develop our understanding of place value and rounding. In Class Maths, we will be learning about money, time and measurement with Mr Kilpatrick.

**ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

**Topic**

This term, we will be using ‘Global Goals’ as our topic. There will be opportunities to make links with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Health and Wellbeing.

**Health and Wellbeing**

This term, we will be learning about the Rights of the Child and the importance of resilience and growth mindset. In P.E. we will be concentrating on general fitness activities, netball and gymnastics.

As always, if you have any urgent enquiries, please contact our school office.

I look forward to working with you all this term and the rest of the school year.

Best Wishes,

Miss Tipping