**ST MARK’S PS**

**TERM 1**

**PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

NUMERACY

This term’s focus will be working with whole number which includes place value, rounding and estimating and developing the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be having daily practice of times tables using a variety of games. We would encourage everyone to continue to practise times tables as much as possible at home. In class maths, we will be investigating lines of symmetry and patterns involving rotational symmetry in a variety of shapes.

LITERACY

This term our reading focus will be a novel study, ‘Holes’. This is an absolutely fantastic novel which provides plenty of opportunities for discussion. We will be learning to read and understand this reasonably challenging text using our SHORS strategies (Strathclyde Higher Order Reading Strategies). We will be developing our understanding of tricky words by using clues contained within the text and by reading on/back. We will be working on developing our questioning skills and will be encouraged to create more complex questions of our own. We will be working on visualising when we use details contained in the text to draw a scene that shows our understanding. We are very fortunate this term to have a 4 week block on ‘Velcro Poetry’, led by Simon Lamb. During the 4 weeks, Simon will be exploring different types of poetry with the pupils in fun, engaging and interactive sessions. We will also be focusing on developing our skills for writing, and will be concentrating on uplevelling our work to a higher standard. We will have a dedicated E.R.I.C (Everyone Reads in Class) slot this term when pupils can spend some quiet time reading a book from the class library. Pupils are welcome to bring in their own book, comic or magazine from home at this time.

CLASS INFORMATION

**PE days for this class are Monday and Thursday afternoons.** Please ensure suitable, comfortable clothing and footwear is worn or provided for these days. Filled water bottles should be brought to school each day. These are especially important on PE days when your children may need to drink more during and after exercising.

Our whole school homework focus will be reading this year.

WELCOME TO TERM 1 !

We are delighted to be back in school working and learning together. Primary 7 are focusing on creating a fantastic class community and we are spending some time developing good class routines and getting to know each other better.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

This term in HWB we will be learning about social health. We are looking at friendships, bullying, cyber bullying, the importance of resilience and who our support network are. In P.E this term we will be taking part in outdoor games, fitness circuits and learning all about basketball. We will also be taking part in our ‘Fit 15’ activities most days in addition to our timetabled P.E. slots. We will be beginning learning some French vocabulary this term, starting with greetings, numbers and colours. This is in addition to our Spanish curriculum embedded throughout the school. This term we will be learning all about ‘Sustainable Development Goals’ or in simpler terms, Global Goals. Lessons in Science, HWB and RE will be linked to these goals in order for the pupils to make meaningful connections between their learning in class and the bigger global picture.

I am looking forward to a hardworking, productive and fun first term in Primary 7! Any issues or enquiries please get in touch and I look forward to meeting you all face to face in October at Parent’s Evening.

Best Wishes,

Carol Crozier