

**ST MARK'S PS**  
**PRIMARY 1 - TERM 2**  
**PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

Welcome back to school. Term 2 is always very busy with lots of excitement around Hallowe'en and Christmas!

This term we will continue to use our outdoor zone. As the weather can be unpredictable, we can provide wellies and jackets for the children who do not have them. If you have any old wellies you no longer want, please send them in to school as this allows us to use our outdoor area all year round.

As last term, I will be inviting you in to school to enjoy some time with the children as they play and learn. Dates for these visits will be sent out soon.

### CLASS INFORMATION

On our gym days are Mon, Wed and Thurs. Your child may continue to come to school dressed appropriately e.g. leggings/shorts. We will begin to change in to gym shoes for these sessions. Please send gym shoes in with your child on these days. Thank you. FIT FRIDAYS will include organised sessions from community clubs like Irvine Judo, dance instructors etc., as well as school events like Wheelie Day, Skipathon and athletics. Keep your eye on X (Twitter) and our school website for updates.

### LITERACY

Throughout this term, the children will continue to learn single sounds and begin to blend these sounds to make words. They will learn words associated with the ORT reading scheme, draw detailed drawings based on different parts of the body as part of our writing programme, make use of a variety of games and activities and the outdoor space to promote all aspects of literacy.

I will continue to send home reading books and reading words on a weekly basis. Please send these in every day and, if possible, practice with your child at home for a short time each night.



## NUMERACY

This term the focus will be ordering and subitising (recognising amounts without counting), number formation, use of IT games to enhance the children's learning as well as introducing fractions, time and measure. Top Marks is a website we use in class and these games are an excellent way to reinforce learning that you can also access at home if your child wishes to do more.

We will incorporate numeracy into all the learning zones and allow the children to learn through play.

## ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

The children have been learning Spanish words related to days, weather and greetings. This term we will be learning words about objects and animals. Our class topic will be decided by the children when we return. So far, the suggestions have been to learn about Space, Sea Creatures and People Who Help Us. Lots of great ideas and learning to look forward to!



Thank you again for your support throughout the last term. Our school website has recently been updated with information being posted to allow you to keep abreast of what is going on in school.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our Stay and Play session. If you have any questions before then, please get in touch before or after school.

Kind regards,

*Lisa Shearer*

