



ST MARK'S PS
TERM 2
P2 PARENT INFORMATION LETTER



Welcome back to Term 2. We have already had lots happening with Hallowe'en activities, discos and Mass. The children have been enjoying singing practices. This is all good practice for Christmas time!

Mr Miller will be with us for a few weeks. He has already got to know all the children and is learning the class routines. I am sure you will welcome him to St. Mark's.

CLASS INFORMATION

On our gym days (Tues, Wed, Fri) your child may continue to come to school dressed appropriately e.g. leggings/shorts. 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. This Friday we have Irvine Judo club joining us. This is always a very popular activity, which the children thoroughly enjoy.

LITERACY

The children have been revising single sounds and digraphs like th, wh, cl, sp etc. They will be using these sounds to spell simple words and write stories. We are introducing a new writing scheme this year called PM Writing. This is a focus for the whole school.

Reading words and books will be sent home on a weekly basis. These should be sent in every day to allow the children to use them to develop their reading skills. Please try to practise reading words and read to your child as often as possible. This has a huge impact on your child's progress.



NUMERACY

The focus for the term is addition and subtraction to 10 or 20 where appropriate. The children will learn how to write these sums and begin to make use of jotters as well as using play based activities. Most children are able to use sharing and grouping to complete multiplication and division sums. This will be developed using practical materials and again through play based learning. In Maths, the topics will be symmetry and time looking at o'clock, half past and quarter to and past the hour. There will be activities around seasons, light and dark. These are all topics which you can talk about at home and link to your day.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Mr Miller has been discussing with the children what they would like to learn about over the next few weeks and they have decided on The Emergency Services and Road Safety. The children are keen to use the role play area and playroom to learn about these topics. If you have anyone who you think may wish to come in and talk to the children about any of these jobs, please get in touch. The children love visitors coming to school and always ask the most interesting questions!

Our school website has recently been updated with information being posted to allow you to keep abreast of what is going on in school. Please check it for P2 and school updates.

Thank you again for your support throughout the last term. The children have been amazing over the last few weeks when there have been a lot of changes in their class. They are a credit to you.

I will continue to support Mr Miller over the coming weeks as he settles in. If you have any questions I am happy to help.

Kind regards,

Lisa Shearer