



ST MARK'S PS

TERM 2

PARENT INFORMATION LETTER – P3/4



I hope you all had a fantastic October break and are looking forward to the term ahead. This is a busy term but we will have our November long weekend to recharge! We have lots of activities to look forward to like Halloween, Bonfire Night and CHRISTMAS!

CLASS INFORMATION

- Mrs Logue will be in class supporting us Monday - Friday and Mrs McInnes on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.
- Throughout the week, we will have access to the infant playroom for play-based activities.
- Our PE days are a **Tuesday** and **Friday** 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 and taken home nightly. Please leave jewellery at home on PE days.
- Homework will continue to be issued on a **MONDAY**. Books will be changed weekly OR fortnightly. We will be reading most days in class so please keep your child's folder in their bag at all times. Thank you.
- We have lots of jumpers and cardigans in lost property, please label your child's school clothing and check lost property for missing items.
- Ms Gallagher will teach my non-class contact time and this will be on a Wednesday morning.

LITERACY

We will continue to use our ORT/Rapid Reader reading schemes. The children will have access to our Reading Zone and weekly challenges and will have lots of shared reading experiences. We will be working on reading with fluency and responding to punctuation within a text. We will be using pictures, texts and our own experiences to make simple inferences and comment on a text. We will be learning to make inferences about characters and their feelings from what they say and do. We will be going on our first **Class Library visit Friday 1st December**. We are very excited for some festive library fun!

Our focus in writing will be sentence-writing using correct punctuation, spelling and common words correctly. We will be using PM Writing this term and our focus will be Descriptive Writing.

In listening and talking, we will participate in Circle Time activities in order to develop our core skills in this area – eye contact, not interrupting, turn taking and appropriate body language. We will be focussing on retelling the events of a story in the correct order.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy we will continue to work on developing our mental maths strategies with our daily mental maths tasks and challenges. We will continue to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and link this to our times tables knowledge. This term our focus on addition and subtraction.

In Maths, we will be learning about time – o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will continue to learn to sequence time in months, order the months of the year and relate this to the seasons.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

- We will be using Emotion Works and Bounceback! to focus on learning more about our Emotional Health and Wellbeing.
- We will be looking at physical health and wellbeing and keeping myself and others safe. We will look at emergency services and road safety.
- In PE, gymnastics, netball/basketball and social dancing!
- In Spanish, we will be learning to listen and respond to questions. We will be learning to tell people our names, where we live and our age.
- In topic, as part of our Sustainable Development Goals Work, Primary 3/4 have chosen to look at Climate Action and how to be a Global Goalkeeper! We will be exploring deforestation, endangered animals, electric cars and key figures in Climate Change Action!
- Primary 3 will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Mary's on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm. Sacramental booklets will be issued to children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation this term and this should be completed and kept at home.

Thank you for your continued support, any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,



Louise Griffin