



ST MARK'S PS
TERM 2
P5 PARENT INFORMATION LETTER



**WELCOME
BACK**

WELCOME TO TERM 2!

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing October week and are looking forward to our second term in Primary 5. Here is an update on what we will be doing this term in the run up to Christmas.

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 and any long hair is tied back. We encourage children to bring fresh bottled water to keep them hydrated over the course of the school day. Every day we will participate in 'Fit 15' activities to help keep our minds and bodies healthy. Mrs McInnes will be in class supporting us at times throughout the week and Mr Kilpatrick will be teaching in class on a Tuesday morning. Our whole school homework focus will be reading this year.

LITERACY

This term we will be progressing through our reading books in class and developing our fluency, confidence and expression while we read. We will be continuing to implement the SHORS reading strategies across a range of reading opportunities such as our class novel, comprehension exercises and topic reading. Our class novel is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We will also be taking on the First Minister's Reading Challenge where we will be setting ourselves different reading goals to work towards. In writing, we will be using the PM writing scheme and will be learning about different text types and using their structure to create our own. In listening and talking, we will be learning to develop the tools of listening and talking during group discussions.

NUMERACY

In numeracy, we will be continuing to work on developing our mental maths strategies with our weekly mental maths tasks and challenges. This term our focus will be addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is important to practise times tables as much as possible at home. In maths, we will be learning about angles and co-ordinates with Mr Kilpatrick.

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Our topic this term is our class novel, 'Stig of the Dump'. This novel provides lots of opportunities for learning across the curriculum including Literacy, Expressive Arts, and Social Studies.

Across the year, we will begin the bronze level of the JASS award. We have lots of exciting learning activities planned for JASS, including our visits to Vennel Gardens and outdoor learning opportunities. In Science, pupils will be learning about energy sources. We will be investigating how energy is transferred and ways of reducing wasted energy.

In P.E. we will be engaging in a series of gymnastic and Scottish social dancing lessons. In languages, we will be continuing to learn how to say various phrases, words and numbers in French and Spanish. We will also continue to drip feed new phrases learned into our daily routine to make sure that it remains fresh in our minds. In Health and Wellbeing, there will be a focus on the Zones of Regulation, Rights Respecting Schools and healthy eating.

I look forward to another hard working, busy term in Primary 5.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

Miss Tipping