



# St Herbert's RC Primary School

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## Welcome to Class 4

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you enjoyed your summer break. The children have had a busy few days been getting familiar with their new classroom and new routines. This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 4 over the coming year.

### Topic

Class 4 will be learning about the following topics:

- Autumn 1– Seasonal Change (Science) & Transport (Geography)
- Autumn 2 – Materials (Science) & Within Living Memory (History)
- Spring 1 – Animals (Science) & Local Famous People (History)
- Spring 2 – Humans (Science) & Hot and Cold Places (Geography)
- Summer 1 Plants (Science) & Beyond Living Memory (History)
- Summer 2 Review (Science) & Knowing our Locality (Geography)

### Homework and Reading Books

Homework will be sent home on **Friday** and should be returned by **Wednesday**. This will support the work covered in class. Occasionally there may be times when homework is sent via Google Classroom so, please make sure that your child has accepted their invitation to join this online platform. We also ask that you continue to support your child with their reading. When you listen to your child reading, please write the title of the book and make a comment in the reading record book so that there is a dialogue between home and school. Your child will be given a specific reading day to bring their reading folder back into school, and it would be extremely helpful if it could be sent in on this day.

### Other ways to help at home

All of the children in KS1 follow the Read Write Inc programme to develop their phonics and reading skills in class. The school website contains links to videos and websites that will help to enhance your child's reading skills linked to this programme : <http://www.stherberts.oldham.sch.uk/read-write-inc/>.

We will be sending the children's logins home for programmes which we use in school like Purple Mash and Mathletics so they can also access these at home too.

### Enhancement of the Curriculum

Throughout the year we cover different topics and hold a number of Super Learning Days, and we aim to provide the children with resources to enhance their curriculum. This is extremely difficult with a restricted school budget and, therefore, we would be most grateful if you could donate **£1 per week** towards the enhancement of the curriculum so that we can continue to provide resources which will enable us to do this. Last year we were able to buy lots of ingredients and food for our topic days, playground toys, scientific resources as well as many other things.

### **Uniform & PE Kit**

Please make sure your child's name is written on all items of PE kit, uniform and coats. PE will be held on different days each week/term so please bring your child's PE into school so it is there for when we do PE that week. This half term, we will be doing it on **Monday and Friday**.

As always, we encourage the children to come to school looking smart, with shirts tucked in, top buttons fastened and black sensible shoes. Trainers and boots are not allowed. Nails should be free of nail varnish.

For health and safety reasons, we only allow small, stud earrings. Please note that children **must not** wear earrings for PE, so it is advised that they be removed before coming to school on these days. As per school policy, no chains, necklaces, bracelets, wrist bands, fit bits or Smart watches are allowed. Sensible sized watches are permitted.

### **Snacks & Packed Lunches**

As a healthy school we encourage the children to eat a wide range of healthy snacks and lunches. We ask that only fruit or vegetables are brought in for a playtime snack and water for drinks during the day (not juice or flavoured water). For packed lunches, please do not bring chocolate, biscuits or fried crisps however, baked crisps are permitted.

### **Entry to school**

School doors will open at 8:45am, We would appreciate it if your child comes into school independently, so that it avoids any congestion at the classroom doors. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please let us know so we can deal with any worries. If you have an urgent message, there will be a member of staff in the playground every morning that you can pass a message on to.

### **Technical Support**

We have set up a technical support email. If your child has any technical problems at home, such as resetting passwords or difficulties logging onto any online learning materials, you can email your issue to the email address below.

Please use this email address: **technical@stherberts.education**

### **X (formally Twitter)**

Examples of your children's work and updates about what they are doing will be posted on our class X (formally Twitter) page. Please follow us at:

**Class4@StHerberts**

To further enhance the children's learning experience, if you have any photographs or video clips of any interesting or exciting activities completed at home or anywhere outside of school that you would like to email to us, then please send them via your child's Google Classroom account.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year and believe that with your help and support, each child will be able to fully access their learning and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Ratcliffe