



# **St Herbert's RC Primary School**

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## **Welcome to Class 3**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! The children seem very eager and happy to be back in school after their summer break. They are settling nicely into their new class and new routines. This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 3 over the coming year. Your child will be taught by Mrs Kendrick from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Whale on Thursday and Friday.

### **Topics**

Class 3 will be learning about the following topics:

- Autumn 1 – Animals (Science) & Changing Childhoods (History)
- Autumn 2 – Materials (Science) & We Are Britian (Geography)
- Spring 1 – Plants (Science) & Beyond Living Memory (History)
- Spring 2 – Plants (Science) & Study Of A Non-European Contrasting Place (Geography)
- Summer 1 – Humans (Science) & International Significant People (History)
- Summer 2 – Seasonal Changes (Science) & Seaside Study (Geography)

### **Homework & reading books**

Details of your child's homework tasks will be posted on Google Classroom every **Friday** and these should be completed by the following **Friday**. This will support the work covered in class. More information about this, along with log in details for Google Classroom and our other online learning platforms, will be sent home separately. In addition to homework, we also ask that you continue to support your child with their reading. Each child will receive at least one book per week to read at home and will have a reading record book. Please make a comment in the reading record book about your child's reading each week, so that there is a dialogue between home and school. Your child will be given a specific day to bring their reading book and record 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 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 within this programme: <http://www.stherberts.oldham.sch.uk/read-write-inc/>.

### **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 term. This half term our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. PE kits tend to stay in school and are sent home every half term to be washed. 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, Fitbits or smart watches are allowed. Regular, 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 (baked crisps are permitted).

### **Entry to school**

School doors will open at 8:45am and close promptly at 8:55am. We would appreciate it if your child came into school independently, so that it avoids any congestion at the classroom doors. If you have an urgent message, there will always be a member of staff on the playground every morning who can pass on anything to the relevant teacher. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please let us know so we can deal with any worries.

### **Enhancement of the curriculum**

Throughout the year we cover different topics, holding several 'Super Learning Days' and aiming 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 and science resources, as well as many other things.

### **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 address below.

**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:

**@3StHerberts**

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 do send them in 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, your child will be able to access their learning and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Kendrick and Mrs Whale