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## Welcome to Class 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! The children are settling well into their new class and they are all looking so smart in their uniforms. We are looking forward to working with you and your children to fulfil their individual potential. This term our aim in Class 2 is to get the children settled back into school life and promote a love of learning through a wide range of activities.

### Topics

The children will be learning about the following topic this term:

- ❖ Autumn 1 - Animals (Science) & The Victorians (History)

### Homework and Reading Books

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday which will be tested on the following Thursday. Homework will also be sent home on a Friday this will be on a cycle e.g. one week they will have a reading comprehension and the next week will be a maths focused homework.

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. We also ask that you continue to support your child with their own 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.

### 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.

### P.E.

P.E. days will change each half term depending on what strand of P.E. the children will be accessing, so your child's P.E .kit needs to be in school at all times. Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit and it is clearly labelled with their name. It is important that the children wear their P.E. kit for the lesson. Please also ensure earrings are removed on their PE day or they are able to remove them themselves

### Uniform

Please ensure ALL your child's uniform/ PE kit is clearly labelled with their name so that it can be returned to them easily (we have already had instances where they have lost them!) Can we please also ask that children with pierced ears wear only a small stud which is removed on PE days. Please can we also ask that children do not come to school with any extreme hairstyles and that bows are kept to a smaller size and in line with school colours.

### **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 **contribute £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, science resources as well as many other things.

### **Snack time**

The children are provided with milk and fruit in the mornings. If your child would like a snack during afternoon break, they are allowed to bring in some fruit. All children should be bringing in a water bottle to school every day. If possible, it would be very helpful if their name could be on the bottle.

### **Entry to school**

School doors will open at 8:50am. 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**

### **Twitter and email**

We love to share all of the children's experiences with you, so please follow us on twitter: *@KS1Unit@StHerberts* to find out what we are doing!

Your child will be arranged into a Google Classroom folder - you can send in any homework, or anything you and your child would like to share with us such as photos to this folder.

Once again, we look forward to working with you and your fabulous children!

Kind regards,

Mrs Whatmough