



# St Herbert's RC Primary School

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## Welcome to Class 7

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you enjoyed your summer break! It has been absolutely wonderful to see you and your children back in and around school, especially after a difficult few years.



This letter is designed to give you an overview of what to expect from Class 7 over the coming year.

### Topic

Class 7 will be learning about the following topics:

Autumn –

- Rocks and Electricity
- Stone Age

Spring –

- States of Matter
- Comparing Oldham to the Mediterranean

Summer –

- Skeleton and Muscle
- Rivers and the Water Cycle

### Reading & Reading Books

Your child will receive a reading book each week to share with you at home and we would encourage them to read for at least 10 minutes each night. We ask that your child brings their reading book into school with them

every week, so that we can monitor what they are reading and change their book if needed. Your child has been allocated a certain day to bring their book in (see slip attached).

Your child has also been provided with a yellow reading log book. In KS2 we ask that the children write a comment in their log book each week about what they are reading (e.g. Are they enjoying the book? Who would they recommend the book to? What has happened in the chapters they have read so far? Have they learned any new and interesting facts or language?). Please also feel free to comment about your child's reading in this book as parents.

We would encourage the children to read a range of material in addition to any of the books taken from school. It is vital that the children develop a true love of reading as they progress in Year 4 from learning to read to reading to learn.

### **Multiplication Check**

All state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to Year 4 pupils. The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including  $12 \times 12$  by the end of Year 4. We will fully prepare your child for this at school, but please can you also practise these at home. You can log in to Purple Mash or Maths Shed to see the format of how the tables check will look, log in details for all our online apps will be sent home next week.

### **Homework**

This year, Homework books will be sent home and should stay at home. Homework tasks will be set every Friday via Google Classroom and must be completed and uploaded to Google Classroom by the following Friday. Tasks will be based on current learning in the classroom, covering a range of subjects. Spellings will be set on Friday and tests will be held the following Friday morning.

### **Uniform & PE Kit**

Please make sure your child's name is written on all items of PE kit, uniform and coats. During the first Autumn half term (until October holidays), Class 7 will have PE on Thursday. Please note that children may wear black

tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers for outdoor PE. However, children must wear pumps or be barefoot for indoor PE.

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 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, baked crisps are permitted.

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we are asking that children do not bring anything with them into school other than their book bag and lunch box – please don't send lunches into school in big backpacks due to the room they take up.

### **Swimming**

This year, some of the children will be going swimming again to ensure they are fully, independent swimmers who are confident in the water. If your child is continuing with their swimming lessons, you will receive a separate letter with details and information about this. If your child is going to go swimming it will be every Thursday afternoon, starting on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that all earrings are removed on swimming days, as they are not allowed to swim with them in.

### **Bikeability**

In Year 4, the children are given the opportunity to complete Bikeability, a cycle training programme. It is like cycling proficiency but better! It is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. It is government-recognised, practical and professional training, and we know that cyclists are more skilled and more confident once they have taken part. Information, including dates and details about this have been sent in a separate letter.

### **Twitter**

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

**Class7@StHerberts**

I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this year and I am so happy to have joined the St Herbert's family!

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Brilliant

Class 7 Teacher