

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to All Hallows and to your new class – **Class Sherwood**.

I really hope that you have all had a fantastic break with lots of sunshine and fun-packed days and are ready for an exciting school year.

For those of you that don't already know me, I am **Mr. Gillett** and I will be your child's class teacher this academic year and will be working alongside **Mrs. Davey** (Teaching Assistant), **Mrs. Sarno** (Teaching Assistant) and my PPA team of **Mrs. Gabb and Courtney (Sports)**.

Your child will receive a new **School Organiser/Reading Journal** and folder on Wednesday. It continues to include some limited information but its primary use is as a record of when your child reads at home. We have also included a plastic wallet for this book and school reading books in an attempt to keep them in good condition. We will check the organiser on a Friday morning and award a stamp on their **Library Card** if there is evidence of reading at least four times. Your child will stick their weekly spellings into their organiser each week (also on a Friday) and their statutory spellings for the half term and KIRFs (Maths).

Your child will choose two different reading books (one which is a levelled book and the other a free choice book). Any reading books that are completed should be brought back to school and exchanged for a new one. As well as reading the words, it is important that your child understands what they are reading about, so talking about the book is really important. In class, we will focus on specific reading skills known as VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Sequencing and Summarising) which you may also want to use at home.

Our whole school behavior system will continue to be based on the school values of **HEART** with a class based display of this system.

Please provide your child with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. The children have access to their water all day. As we do not have a water fountain in our classroom, it is really important for every child to bring a bottle and to take it home again each evening. Please note no fizzy drinks or juice. Your child may bring in a playtime snack and we encourage this to be a healthy choice. If your child wishes to bring a pencil case to school that is also fine and will be kept in their tray.

On a **Wednesday afternoon**, **Mrs. Gabb and Courtney** will teach the class during my **P.P.A.** (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time) and will focus on music, PSHE and PE.

P.E. -Your child is to come in their school **P.E.** kit on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. If your child wears ear-rings, they need to be able to remove them themselves or not wear them on these days. If your child has long hair, this will also need to be tied back.

During the summer term in Year 4, schools are asked to complete an online multiplication times table checker. If your child could continue their use of TT Rockstars this will provide them with the purposeful practise required.

The learning experience for the year can be viewed on the school website. A snapshot of some of our learning for the first half term is outlined below:

English:	Instructions, stories set in familiar settings and syllabic poetry.
SPAG:	Statutory spellings, revisit homophones, phonetic patterns, 'a' or 'an', demarcating sentences, use of dictionaries and verb forms.
Guided Reading:	George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
Maths:	Place value, addition and subtraction
RE:	The journey of life and death
French:	Presenting myself
Music:	Listening, singing and appraising songs by Abba and musical notation
Art:	Sketch books – Bridget Riley
Computing:	Safe use
Science:	Sound
P.E.:	Basketball and Hockey
P.S.H.E.	How do we treat each other with respect?

I have included my email address for any important information you need to inform me of [cgillett@hallows.notts.sch.uk](mailto:cgillett@hallows.notts.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance for your help and support. We are looking forward to working alongside you throughout the new academic year.

*Mr. Gillett*