



Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

February 2025

Dear Parents,

Robin Class Spring 2 2025

Our topic this half term is *growing*.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

During this half term we will be discussing how the actions of the different characters from stories affect others and suggest how they could make things right. We will then use this to reflect on ourselves and our friendships. How could we show we are sorry or make friends after doing something wrong? We will continue to think about our talents and set ourselves targets to aim for.

Communication Language and Literacy

In this area of learning the children will continue to take part in daily phonics and guided reading sessions. The children will continue to learn more phonemes (letters sounds) including digraphs. These are two letters that work together to make one sound, for example, **sh** in **shop** and **ch** as in **chin**. We will be encouraging the children to use digraphs in their writing too. During whole class reading sessions we will be reading, re-telling the story of Jasper's Beanstalk as well as looking at non-fiction text on growing plants.

Mathematics

In our number work this half term we will continue to reinforce recognising, writing and ordering numbers up to 10 and beyond. The children will be adding 2 groups of objects together to find the total, once they are secure with this they will move on to use the part-part whole model to add 2 numbers together. We will be practically exploring subtraction along with doubling and halving numbers.

Understanding of the World

In this area of learning the children will investigate plants through the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We will investigate what plants need to grow and what the different parts of the plant are called. We will be planting our own bean and looking after it and watching it grow. Our focus religion in RE is Christianity. We will continue to listen to different stories from the bible and towards the end of the term we will explore the Christian festival of Easter.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be using and combining materials to make pictures and props for stories. We will use song and dance to bring the stories to life alongside looking at rhythm and pulse in music.

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Physical Development

We will continue to develop our physical development skills in the outdoor area and in the PE hall. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school to enable them to practice getting changed for PE.

We are very impressed with the number of children who are making their way up to the top of our reading rocket by reading regularly at home. We can see the positive impact regular reading at home has upon the children's progress. Please keep up the great work!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Birch
Robin Class Teacher