



# Clitheroe Brookside Primary School

November 2024

Dear Parents,

## Robin Class Autumn 2 2024



Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you all enjoyed a well earned rest alongside some spooky fun. The children have enjoyed sharing their half term new with us in class. This half term we starting our celebration topic.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

In this area of learning we will be exploring how we keep our bodies and minds healthy. During circle time sessions we will continue to discuss different emotions and feelings and link these to our personal experiences. We will decide what we think the key 'ingredients' are to being a friend when we make a friendship pie.

### Communication Language and Literacy

In daily phonics sessions the children will continue to learn some new phonemes (sounds) and practice using their blending and segmenting skill to read and write words and some short sentences. The main core texts we will be exploring over the half term are: Room on the Broom and Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. We are sure the children will come home telling you all about Stick Mans' visit to school. We will be following a set of instructions to make our own edible sparklers and will read a range of Christmas texts towards the end of the term. The children will also be provided with the opportunity to write their own Christmas wish list. The children will continue to take part in at least 2 small guided reading sessions a week to practice and develop their phonic and comprehension skills.



### Mathematics

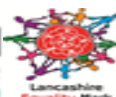
In our number work this half term we will continue to visit number land where the focus will be on numbers from 7 upto 10. The children will practice recognising, writing and ordering numbers up to 10 and beyond. We will continue to introduce number rhymes to help the children with their number formation. Each week we will explore how the focus number can be represented in different ways for example 5 can be represented using the written numeral, by using 5 everyday objects or showing 5 fingers on your hand. The children will also use the part whole model to explore how groups of objects can be combined in different way to represent the same number, for example 6 could be made using 4 items and 2 items or 5 items and 1 item. The children will be introduced to new mathematical vocabulary such as add and subtract and use practical

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equipment to explore these. Towards the end of the term they will be using money to buy items from our class shop.

### Understanding the world

We will be exploring the different events that occur in the calendar over this term such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. The children will watch different videos about the celebrations, talk about what they observe, and to deepen their understanding they will explore why the celebration or event occurs. Children will also be encouraged to contribute any personal experiences they have linked to the events/occasions. We wonder if our class Elf will make an appearance this year too?



### Expressive arts and design

The children will be provided with a vast amount of opportunity to get creative this term. They will be encouraged to use different media such as paint and chalk to create amazing bonfire/ firework pictures as well as becoming a fire work themselves, thinking carefully about the sounds fireworks make and how they can represent this using musical instruments. During Diwali we will explore and recreate different rangoli patterns and on exploring Remembrance Day we will be painting poppies. Towards the end of the term the children will make different Christmas crafts that they will bring home to share with you for the festive season.

### Physical Development

In this area of learning your child will have the opportunity to explore different ways of moving and develop their throwing, catching and rolling skills. They will also be exploring different ways of balancing. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills by completing the range of activities offered at the funky fingers area in class some of which will include cutting, threading and picking items up with tweezers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for encouraging reading at home. We can see the positive impact this is having upon your child's learning and development.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Birch  
Robin Class Teacher